Citizens Police Review Board

April 23, 2021

Honorable Mayor Treece and Honorable Members of the City Council:

On January 13, 2021, the Columbia Citizens Police Review Board passed a motion to recommend a change to Section 21-46(c). Section 21-46(c) in pertinent part, states: "... Board members may not be employed by the city, be a party to any pending litigation against the city, be an elected public office holder, or be a candidate for elected public office..."

A majority of the Board voted to send a report to the City Council to recommend that Section 21-46(c) be amended to remove the wording that states: "or be a candidate for elected public office." The Board sent a letter to the City Council, dated January 15, 2021, asking for the Council to consider the Board's request, and if the Council agrees with the Board, to have direct city staff to draft the necessary legislation.

I am writing you today to check on the status of the Board's request. If there is anything further you would like to hear from the Board concerning the changes to Section 21-46(c), the Board is happy to help in any way necessary.

Sincerely

Travis Pringle, Chair