

Cliff A Ponte

City Council President

September 9, 2019

RE: Response to 9-9-2019 letter.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

While I appreciate your suggested compromise, it does not eliminate the concerns of many in the community including the City Council.

It is my position that there is absolutely no reason to re-configure the way we run City government, because you are facing 24 federal indictments. If you are telling the council that we need to co-sign every mayoral action, are you in-fact indirectly admitting that you cannot perform the duties of the position? The execution of the Office of Mayor requires not only fulfilling the duties of the position but a standard of personal conduct that would serve as a beacon for the community.

We hold our Mayor to a higher standard because of the tremendous responsibility to represent the City of Fall River and all its citizens. The humbling burden of the office requires not only governance but the requirement that the office holder's personal behavior is beyond reproach.

Your ability to perform the job has been comprised since the additional 11 count indictment that allege extortion, conspiracy, aiding, abetting and bribery. These charges have caused irreparable damage to your ability to execute your duties.

In conclusion, no-one is denying that you are innocent until proven guilty. However, it is necessary to hold the most prominent public figure in the City of Fall River to the highest standard.

I hope that you take the time to step away and address your issues. It is important that the city business continues, and we restore stability and credibility to city government.

Thank you,



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