



## STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR OF LANSING, ILLINOIS

Lansing has been the focus of intense media scrutiny for much of the past week. The events that unfolded last Saturday in the front yard of an off-duty police officer remind us that we as a community face many of the same issues confronting neighborhoods across the nation.

I have spent the majority of time this week speaking to Lansing residents in person, on the phone, via email, and viewing postings on social media. There is one common thread residents have expressed: to understand all the facts in the case involving an off-duty police officer and juveniles in the front yard of the officer's home. There are many elements to a police investigation, this much I know being a former Lansing police officer myself. Investigations are not completed overnight and, in the end, the goal is to arrive at a reasonable conclusion based on the facts in the case. Therefore, I am taking the following two courses of action:

- I am ordering the investigation be turned over to an outside governmental agency. This will ensure the investigation remains independent and avoids any appearance of impropriety.
- At my direction, the officer involved in the incident has been placed on immediate administrative leave pending the outcome of the independent investigation.

I am thankful that no individual involved in the altercation was seriously injured or killed. I am also thankful that no weapons were drawn or shots fired. This is not to minimize the video which has disturbed many residents of Lansing and citizens across the country, but rather to recognize that, although the images are disturbing, it is fortunate the incident did not rise to the level of similar events that have occurred elsewhere.

As your Mayor, my bottom line remains clear, and it is the same as yours. I want all the facts reviewed, I want an objective conclusion to be reached, and I want recommendations on what corrective actions may need to be taken. I will be closely monitoring all facets of this investigation as it moves forward, and I will communicate the findings in a transparent and timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Mayor Patricia L. Eidam

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