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## **ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL CALLS ON MAYOR SHEEHAN AND CHIEF HAWKINS TO TERMINATE OFFICER DAVID W. HAAPT**

Dear Mayor Sheehan and Chief Hawkins,

Today we were made aware of a video where Officer David W. Haupt used racist comments while having an on-duty conversation with an Albany County Sheriff's Deputy. The statements made by the officer are deplorable and he is not worthy of wearing the uniform of an Albany Police Officer. Officer David W. Haupt has dishonored his badge and now it is time for him to return it to the city.

The Albany Common Council demands that Officer Haupt be immediately terminated from the Albany Police Department. We implore you to act now; any hesitation will further erode the public's trust and the reputation of our police department. We understand that there is a process for dismissal of an officer; however, the sooner the process is started, the sooner the process of healing from this can begin. You have the opportunity to show that this does not represent our department. You cannot control the statements and actions of others, but you can control how you respond.

We all have seen the protests and have heard the calls for justice around our country. Now it is time for Albany to stand up and show that this type of mentality will never be tolerated here. Officer Haupt's statement is likely to have far reaching effects which may endanger the safety of his fellow officers. It is time for him to go.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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