

# Police Accountability Board Campaign

**\_\_\_ Count us in!! We are committed to making sure that residents of the City of Rochester are treated fairly and justly. We believe that a Police Accountability Board is needed to ensure accountability and transparency within the Rochester Police Department.**

**This is what we will do to help establish a new Independent Police Accountability Board.**

Organization/Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_ Help with circulating petitions**

**\_\_\_ Help with turnout for Events and Actions**

**\_\_\_ Help approach organizations and congregations for organizational sign-on**

**\_\_\_ Help with Voter Engagement on Police Accountability**

**\_\_\_ Door to door**

**\_\_\_ Phone calls**

**\_\_\_ Data Entry**

**\_\_\_ Candidate Forum**

**SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**PLEASE PUT ON ORGANIZATION LETTERHEAD and ADD SIGNATURE AT BOTTOM**

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**PLEASE MAIL ALL SIGNED LETTERS TO: Barbara Lacker-Ware, 260 Woodside Place, Rochester, NY 14609 If you are unable to mail your letter, please sign and scan it, then email it to justiceforall365@gmail.com**

Date

President Loretta Scott  
Rochester City Council  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear President Scott,

[INSERT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP NAME] has reviewed the research findings and recommended ordinance in “The Case for an Independent Police Accountability System: Transforming the Civilian Review Process in Rochester, New York” written by Barbara Lacker-Ware and Theodore Forsyth. We agree with the goals and values of Accountability, Transparency, Transformation, Justice, Dignity and Respect that are set forth in this document.

[INSERT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP NAME] completely supports the research findings and fully endorses the recommended ordinance in the aforementioned document. Furthermore, we encourage City Council to adopt the recommended ordinance and establish it as law in the City of Rochester as soon as possible.

Civilians in Rochester deserve to have a complaint process that truly holds police officers accountable for any misconduct, especially excessive use of force. The current Civilian Review Board does not provide an adequate process for police accountability and the process of the Rochester Police Department to review officer misconduct and assign appropriate discipline is not transparent to the community.

We recommend the adoption of the ordinance found in “The Case for An Independent Police Accountability System: Transforming the Civilian Review Process in Rochester, New York.” This ordinance abolishes the current Civilian Review Board and establishes a new Police Accountability Board as a separate department of the City of Rochester. This new Police Accountability Board will:

- o Hire an Administrator and Investigator who report to the Board,
- o Conduct investigations independently of the Rochester Police Department,
- o Have the power to issue subpoenas to compel testimony and evidence,
- o Make findings to determine whether civilian complaints against officers are sustained or the officers are exonerated,
- o Make recommendations to the Chief of Police regarding the discipline of officers whose charges of misconduct are sustained.

[INSERT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP NAME] has a history of  
xx in Rochester OR has a mission to  
xx in Rochester OR believes xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.  
We have a vested interest in the safety of all members of the Rochester community and that each person be treated fairly and justly. We trust that City Council represents these values for all Rochester residents, and for this reason we strongly encourage you to adopt this measure. Thank you for your service to the community and for acting in the best interests of all.

Sincerely,

[SIGN THE LETTER]

[INSERT PERSON'S NAME AND TITLE RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION] [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME]

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