

March 2, 2025

Subject: Urgent Action Needed to Restore Safety at Community Meetings

Dear Councilman Harris-Dawson,

I am writing to express my deep concern and fear for my safety at recent community meetings. As a Black father, I attend these meetings with the hope of contributing to positive change in our community. However, the presence of the Trump protestors, coupled with their aggressive behavior including yelling, name-calling, and cursing has created a hostile environment where I genuinely feel that my life is being threatened.

The community meetings should be a space where everyone, regardless of their background, can voice their opinions and engage in meaningful dialogue without fear of intimidation or violence. Instead, I find myself on high alert, unsure of what might happen if tensions escalate further. I am not alone in this feeling many of my neighbors have expressed similar concerns, and some have stopped attending altogether out of fear.

I am urging you, as our representative, to take immediate and decisive action to ensure the safety of all attendees. Whether it involves setting stricter conduct guidelines, increasing security, or directly addressing those who seek to disrupt and intimidate, something must be done. We cannot allow our community spaces to be overtaken by threats and hostility.

I appreciate your attention to this serious matter and hope to see meaningful changes that will allow all of us to feel safe and respected at community meetings.

Sincerely,

Kwame Brown