

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS



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DAVID R. CASHMAN  
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August 2, 2019

Kim Berkeley, President Judge  
330 Frick Building  
437 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board

Dear Judge Clark:

I am taking this opportunity to submit to you my letter of resignation as a member of the Jail Oversight Board. I have served on this Board for almost seven years and I have enjoyed the time that I have been on this Board and the opportunity to work with other members of the Board and the Jail staff. I appreciate the accomplishments that we have achieved in reducing the population of the Jail and the cost of its operation. That being said, however, it would appear that I have become a lightning rod for the animosity directed at the Board by the individuals who purport to represent the transgender population of Allegheny County.

We have attempted to accommodate those individuals and set up special meetings in order to discuss their particular concerns, however, we have not been able to quantify their particular problems and, as such, they have become more frustrated and combative. Their attitude towards the members of the Board has been antagonistic, vituperative and vindictive. The language that they have used in our last meetings can charitably be referred to as intemperate.

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I do not believe that it would be in anyone's best interest for me to continue as a member of this Board and therefore, I am submitting to you my letter of resignation.

Very truly yours,

  
DAVID R. CASHMAN

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cc: Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive  
William McKain, County Manager  
William Mullen, Sheriff  
John DeFazio, President, County Council  
Warden Orlando Harper  
The Honorable Beth Lazzara  
Chelsa Wagner, County Controller  
Mr. Abass Kamara  
Ms. Terri Klein  
Ms. M. Gayle Moss