

Holmen Police Department

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To the Civilian Review Board:

I am writing to respectfully request the removal of The Village of Holmen and Chief Collins from the agenda under the "Others" category. This request is based on the following points:

- 1. The Village of Holmen does not recognize the Civilian Review Board as having any authority over the Village or its residents, and will not authorize such authority.
- 2. During the discussions surrounding the formation of this review board, no representative from The Village of Holmen was contacted for our input or to discuss our views on the board's structure or its very existence and operational purpose. To date, while we still have not been contacted regarding participation in this board, please take formal notice that the Village's official position is to remain separate and detached from any and all action and participation from the board whatsoever.
- 3. The Village of Holmen already has two established public bodies that oversee the Police Department: the Holmen Village Board and the Holmen Police Commission. Both bodies have policies in place to address complaints regarding the Police Department and its staff.
- 4. Finally, the inclusion of our name on your agenda may lead to confusion among our citizens, who could mistakenly believe that we are affiliated with your board. This could hinder the effectiveness of the established process for addressing complaints, which is managed directly through the Holmen Police Department. We believe that a streamlined process for complaints, handled directly by the Police Department, is vital for timely and effective resolution.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request that any further references to The Village of Holmen or the Holmen Police Department be removed from future communications with your board.

Thank you for your respectful consideration and wish you well in your future goals.

Sincerely,

Shane Collins Chief of Police

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