

April 1st, 2019

Dear Linton City Council and Linton City Residents,

It has been a long and deliberate decision, but I feel that it is time that I announce my resignation as Mayor of the City of Linton, effective immediately this day, April 1st, 2019. I understand that my term is set to run until June of 2021, but due to reasons that I will detail momentarily, I feel that it is necessary for me to step down at this time.

The City of Linton had many issues that I inherited when I took office June of 2018, all of which I happily shouldered and began to carry the responsibility for. I found \$6.6 million dollars of debt and a large budget deficit immediately thrown before me. I provided a balanced budget to remedy the immediate needs that this debt and deficit presented and made countless suggestions for future budget adjustments. I was faced with personnel issues, policy issues, ordinance issues, transparency issues, questionable ethical decisions by the City and the LIDC organization; the manipulation of time cards, waste and misuse of citizen tax dollars, the manipulation of ordinances and policies to benefit family members among countless other issues that I have been working tirelessly to correct, remedy and repair. I wanted more than anything for Linton's community members to be represented with a government built on truth and integrity. I gave this vision for Linton's future all of my effort and energy, but the harder I worked, the harder the opposition became, and when that didn't work or discourage me, the attacks on my family began.

While running for office my platform and motto was always "*working together to create a more vibrant business environment and an even stronger community for our children's future.*" I was attempting to make the very necessary changes to build a stronger Linton (ethically and financially) for the current and future members of this community, but meanwhile my own family, my wife and 2 sons, were suffering extreme bullying and false slander due to the unrepressed gossip in this community and opposition of the positive changes that I have been trying to make. I have always been willing to endure, without complaints, the endless lies, gossip and rumors that were directed towards me. But unfortunately I am unwilling to sit by and watch my family endure anymore pain on the behalf of this community. Even good friends have turned their backs on us due to these rumors and lies, and my family deserves better than this. God and Family come first.

These things being said, I would like to thank the few faithful supporters that I did have, who stood by me as Mayor and friend through it all. Thank you for your understanding and May God Bless You and the City of Linton.

Sincerely,



Derrick S. Walker