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Chief White,

As you know, we are a peaceful group of concerned citizens, which exists to challenge and eliminate various forms of fiscal oppression by exercising our first amendment right to assemble and publicly airing our grievances. Occupy Louisville is aware that you are leaving Louisville, Kentucky to take on the role of Police Chief in Denver, Colorado. We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Denver, and have prepared this formal letter, at your request, with the needs of Occupy Denver in mind.

The interaction experienced between the Louisville Metro Police Department and Occupy Louisville has, for the most part, been positive. We here in Louisville expect that your interaction with Occupy Denver will be similar, if not better, than what we have experienced in Louisville. This is crucial, as Occupy Denver has experienced some of the worst violence of all American occupations at the hands of the very officers sworn to serve and protect them.

We remind you, as you make decisions in regards to Occupy Denver: **The whole world is watching.**

Here are the needs, requests and demands of Occupy Denver, presented in the original form as Occupy Denver provided to Occupy Louisville:

1. We do not intend on going away any time soon. We will continue Occupying for the foreseeable future.
2. We want to encourage him to establish and maintain open lines of communication with us. We invite him to attend our General Assembly before he starts work to talk with us about his plans for interacting with the movement, reminding him that before our first eviction, Occupy Denver actually had very positive relations with the police, who advised us of the legality of our actions openly and non-threateningly, and gave us ample time to deliberate on whether to comply. If he does attend our General Assembly, we demand that he not attend in uniform, but come to us as any other citizen of our country.
3. We want to remind him that it is his choice to deal reasonably with us, and that responding to unarmed, non-violent protesters with heavily armed, *expensive* riot forces is *not* reasonable. We want to remind him that the cost to taxpayers of militarizing against us will be the result of *his* decisions, not ours, and thus he will be to blame for excessive police expenditures.
4. We want to remind him that Occupy Denver has been the victim of some of the most brutal violence that was seen in the national crackdowns and that many of us still bear the physical, mental, and emotional scars that acts by people like DPD Officer Ethan Aldridge and others during those confrontations left. The DPD officers who have abused and intimidated us are still part of his force, and we have very good reason to mistrust them. He will have to *earn* our trust by being vigilant and having zero tolerance for misconduct among his officers.
5. We demand that he immediately review the policies that govern the DPD's use of force against citizens, especially in regards to protesters, as there have been numerous cases of excessive force used against Occupy Denver. We demand that he ensure that any force used against people already in restraints automatically be deemed excessive.

To further quote Occupy Denver's communication to Occupy Louisville, "Please don't forget that deep down, the real reason we are engaged in this struggle is because it is our duty and obligation as citizens to work to preserve the

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(OR YOU CAN DEMAND TO BE HEARD)

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integrity and values of our nation. Concern for our country's future is the real reason we are fighting, and at bottom, that is what this movement is about. "

Thank you,

Occupy Louisville