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*****PRESIDENT SHAMANN WALTON'S
STATEMENT ON THE JUNE 24, 2022 INCIDENT*****

“As a proponent for greater accountability with our City's law enforcement agencies, I was fully aware that I may be a target for retaliation; especially with our Sheriff's Department since I have been the most vocal Supervisor during my tenure seeking greater accountability and transparency from our Sheriff's Department. In addition, I successfully introduced Sheriff's Oversight legislation; which, successfully passed at the ballot. No other Supervisor has been a thorn in the Sheriff's department side than me.

Therefore, there is no surprise that incidents that transpired on June 24, 2022 are more colorful and salacious than what I experienced on that day. These incidents are in clear dispute and seek to vilify me and my character. I would never expect the Sheriff's Department to provide an accurate account of what transpired between two Black men.

Historically, I have complained numerous times about the unfair treatment at the security checkpoint located at the Polk Street/Carlton B. Goodlett entrance at City Hall. This was not the first time that I have been mistreated or targeted by this individual. There are specific protocols that were not properly followed by Sheriff personnel on June 24, 2022. The Sheriff's Department's executive team are more than aware of their employee's actions and animus towards me. Moreover, this is not the only employee that has shown disdain towards me as a result of the initiatives I have led against the Sheriff Department. I am used to this line of accusations being Black and I expected this retaliation at some point with my demanding sheriff oversight.”

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