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MAYOR JUSTIN BERNS' STATEMENT REGARDING THE POLICE UNION'S VOTE

(BEACHWOOD, OHIO –December 19, 2022) – The no confidence vote by the Beachwood Police Union members is frustrating in light of all the achievements we have witnessed under the leadership of Chief Kate McLaughlin and Deputy Chief John Resek. Specifically, in the short time since they began leading the department:

- Overtime has been reduced by approximately 40%.
- The department has been restructured to provide more opportunities for promotion and shift supervision.
- Several unneeded and/or unfilled annual contracts have been eliminated, reducing spending by approximately \$20k annually.
- Security measures have been enhanced at both the municipal complex and Beachwood City Schools facilities, and our religious institutions.
- New programs and initiatives have been implemented to provide officers with more training, including the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response and Crisis Intervention.
- New and updated technology has been purchased to best serve our community, including mobile license plate readers, mobile ticketing and traffic signal preemption technology.
- A field office at Beachwood Place has been created and staffed.

Chief McLaughlin and Deputy Chief John Resek are demanding leaders who challenge their team and themselves to meet reasonably high standards. That's why they were selected for their positions. I am also extremely proud of our entire police department and confident that our officers, who work hard for our citizens every day, are up to the task of protecting our community.

There are many reasons Beachwood is a great place to live, shop, work, dine and visit. But we also must be a safe city. Our proximity to I-271, our shopping areas, hotels, museums, religious institutions, community centers and agencies mandate we have a police department which we can count on for protection, 24 hours a day, seven days each week. In this complex safety environment, we need a police department that is professionally trained, disciplined and led by strong individuals.

I have complete confidence that Chief McLaughlin and Deputy Chief Resek are the most qualified and correct people to lead our police department.

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