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I am hopeful that one day, even if it is years from now when I am out of elected office, the "black clergy" will accept facts and data that illustrate the havoc that violent crime is wreaking on their communities, the communities that they are called to pastor. Regardless, my office will continue doing its job. Enough time and energy have been spent on summoning their help, with no return.

It is disheartening and disappointing that in a time such as this, when two 16-year-old young black men were shot and killed within the last two months, the clergy members chose to write a letter to the news media that was focused on their District Attorney instead of advocating for peace and justice.

Lastly, our pastors need a civics lesson. The Office of the District Attorney is not a revenue generating office. This means that we are not a government entity that can "put money behind" efforts other than the salaries of prosecutors who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. Hence why I continue to call on more involvement from faith leaders across the community.

The constant whining from the clergy has become a distraction and my commentary on their unwillingness to act will cease after today.

