



# Chattanooga Council

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Mr. Blythe Bailey, Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

It will be my recommendation to the Chattanooga City Council that your position as Administrator of Transportation be defunded because of blatant disrespect to this Councilperson and lack of responsiveness to inquiries by the Council on residential transportation needs and concerns. Two written inquiries (June 2013 and January 2014), also sent via email to you, regarding inner-city transportation needs have gone unanswered, in addition to a verbal inquiry regarding Transportation Board members whose terms have all expired, laws on the books that are not being enforced, and the need to provide additional help to an inspector to adequately perform his job. These inquiries have gone without a response by you. I would not want your most recent act of disrespect to be modeled by other department heads to my colleagues on the Council who have also been denied access to information needed to make informed decisions.

In a public email, you accused me of being a crook, and you chose not to attend a meeting (which had been meticulously built to accommodate your schedule) on information you have had in your possession since June of 2013. Today you disrespected me and questioned my ethics; tomorrow, it will be one of my colleagues.

I sent a letter to Mayor Berke previously and followed up with two meetings with the Mayor, his Chief of Staff and other Council members about the need for communication and information from Administration that would assist Councilpersons in forming and making decisions for the City. The fact that you took your unprofessionalism and disrespect of me to the next level to attempt to soil my credibility says that you are unmanageable and a loose cannon that should be eliminated from local government.

Yusuf Hakeem  
Chairman, City Council

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Attachments

cc: Andrew Berke, Mayor  
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