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# The Betrayal of Bethlehem by Our Own City Council



### THE SAD SIMPLE TRUTH

The simple truth is that you have been repeatedly lied to and ignored. Bethlehem's citizens and stakeholders have been purposefully deceived by the city council members elected to represent their interests.

## COUNCIL ANSWERS TO BLM NOW

Bethlehem City Council passed a resolution on 7 July 2020 specifically designed to give Black Lives Matter and associated radical activist groups direct influence over city policy and policing. They did so after attending local BLM protests and hearing only from radical activists intent on defunding, dismantling and eliminating the Bethlehem Police Department. Not one opposing viewpoint was heard at that July 7th meeting.

#### THE INVERSION OF DEMOCRACY

Ask yourself, "How is it that those who are supposed to be representing *all* of us passed a resolution after only hearing from one small segment of our community?" The truth is council doesn't care to listen to your opinion or any opposing viewpoints. They believe they are "woke" and more enlightened than their constituents. Council has decided that you are not a part of the community they are interested in hearing from unless you agree with their 'systemic racism' ideology.

#### LV GOOD NEIGHBORS CALL OUT COUNCIL ON THEIR BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY

When Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors called Bethlehem City Council out on their betrayal of public safety, Council lied to the media and concerned citizens by proclaiming that they never discussed police defunding and that's exactly what the media reported. That was a lie. Then they accused us of using scare tactics when in fact we merely informed Bethlehem citizens of their carefully concealed schemes. Council claims they want to encourage a diverse public conversation but when their own constituents voiced an opinion they didn't agree with, they immediately try to discredit and suppress those opinions.

### **OUR SOURCES CAUGHT COUNCIL IN THEIR LIES**

We have recently learned from two highly placed and extremely reliable sources that city council was in fact actively discussing the defunding of the Bethlehem Police Department. It was also confirmed that the distribution of our "COFFEE CUP" pamphlet and especially the citizen activism it inspired, has temporarily stopped their police defunding scheme in its tracks.

#### PLEASE LEND US YOUR SUPPORT

Please help us keep pressure on Bethlehem City Council to represent *all* of Bethlehem's citizens - not just the ones who agree with their radical political agenda. Please contact us today if you would be willing to distribute our updated "COFFEE CUP" pamphlets. We plan to keep our neighbors informed about council's political agenda and let our community know when each council member is up for re-election.

For those of you who have already helped us in our efforts to stand up to City Council and preserve public safety in Bethlehem, we sincerely thank you for your support.

~ Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Alliance

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