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Dear CAO Gilbert Montano and Chief Anne Kirkpatrick:


After careful consideration and deliberation regarding the emergency move of the New Orleans Police Department headquarters from their dilapidated headquarters to a building downtown, further review is necessary. Not only was there a there a lack of communication about this viable move, but it seems like there was not a lot of thought put into multiple locations that would provide the best access to the men and women that utilize the headquarters, as well as the citizens to whom access is extremely important. I would ask that we take a step back, posthaste, to review some multiple sites that:

1. Could be more of a community-oriented location that has easier access for parking;
2. Temporary and ultimately permanent placement would add value to the community; and
3. Most importantly, considers how the facility's location adds to the overall access and public safety for the citizens of this city.

Please respond as soon as possible so we can discuss the next possible steps. As chair of the Criminal Justice Committee and therefore sponsor, I will be removing the requested Motion from the Consent Agenda. Your response and the timing thereof, will determine how we move forward.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. I look forward to meeting and discussing this with you soon.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Criminal Justice Committee