

LAGO VISTA — HOW MUCH MORE HAS TO HAPPEN BEFORE SOMEONE STEPS UP?

Our city leadership is in turmoil. This is not new news. But it's now coming at the expense of human life. Let that sit with you for a second.

Our police department has been reduced to THREE officers.

An officer who gave 13 years of his life dedicated to keeping our city and its community safe has taken his own life. and a family is grieving. And no one has said a fucking thing.

At what point does City Council and city leaders stop treating each crisis as an isolated incident and acknowledge that Lago Vista has a serious leadership problem?

This is no longer something that can be fixed with another temporary appointment, another executive session, another carefully worded statement, or another attempt to convince residents that everything is under control.

IT IS NOT UNDER CONTROL. DO YOU HEAR ME?

I am calling for City Council to immediately intervene.

And I am calling for an independent, outside review and complete overhaul of the Lago Vista Police Department.

Bring in someone who does not answer to the existing police command structure.

Interview current officers.

Interview the officers who left.

Ask them why they left.

Ask about staffing.

Ask about morale.

Ask about workload.

Ask about leadership.

Ask what complaints and concerns were raised and how those concerns were handled.

Review what mental-health resources were actually available to officers and whether officers felt safe using them.

And determine HOW a city of our size ended up with THREE POLICE OFFICERS LEFT.

Determining the circumstances surrounding this tragedy requires facts and an appropriate investigation from an OUTSIDE PARTY and his family deserves dignity and privacy while they grieve.

I am absolutely saying that what is happening within our city government and police department demands scrutiny.

An officer is gone. A long time community member and a huge asset to our city and its police department. One of the most incredible men. Gone.

And our community is still waiting for leadership to step up and instead, silence.

HOW MANY RED FLAGS DO WE NEED?

Supporting law enforcement doesn't mean blindly supporting whoever sits behind the Chief's desk.

I support our officers enough to demand that someone start asking why we keep fucking losing them.

I support them enough to demand that the THREE who remain are protected.

I support them enough to realize that this is a serious safety crisis and our city and its citizens deserve better. YOUR OFFICERS AND STAFF DESERVE BETTER. PROTECT THEM. PROVE TO THEM THAT YOU GIVE A FUCK.

And I support them enough to say that when an organization reaches this level of crisis, leadership has to be examined too.

Chief Joy, I believe it is time to step down.

Acting Police Chief Franco, Lieutenants Allocca and Chrane. It's time to go.

City Council, STEP UP AND DO YOUR JOB.

Conduct a complete review of LVPD.

Give current and former officers a confidential opportunity to speak without command staff present.

Fix the staffing crisis.

Address department culture and morale.

Provide meaningful mental-health resources and ensure officers and staff feel safe enough to use them without fear of retaliation or losing their job.

And rebuild this department from the ground up.

Because Lago Vista cannot continue stumbling from one leadership crisis to another while residents are expected to accept silence.

An officer took his own life a few days ago. One of this city's longest standing employees. Is that registering to you?

If THIS isn't the moment for City Council to intervene and demand change, what the hell is?

Enough executive sessions.

Enough temporary fixes.

Enough silence. **See less**