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Mayor and Council:

MAYOR ENGEN FAILS LEADERSHIP TEST. HE MUST REPENT OR RESIGN. CALL SEN. TESTER AND REQUEST A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION.

We ALL need a $250K shower after White's & Engen's treatment of the white armed vigilante problem.

Missoula Mayor John Engen, under increasing and unrelenting public pressure to take action in the wake of armed white vigilantes assaulting a black teen during a Black Lives Matter protest, utterly failed the test of leadership Sunday, a day when 450 Missoulians rallied at the courthouse demanding justice, protection against armed white militiamen, and police accountability in the wake of a gang of armed white vigilantes demanding ID from, then assaulting, a black teen they deemed "suspicious," who had arrived at the courthouse for a Black Lives Matter protest on June 5. Police arrested the victimized youth, then released him and drove him home, taking no action against the armed thugs, who had falsely claimed the young man had a gun. This, after the youth ran inside the courthouse seeking safety. Police Chief White, meanwhile, claims he can't figure out any crimes with which to charge the intimidating gunmen, who have attended the BLM protests for days and who other persons of color say have stalked and intimidated them at the protests.

Rather than showing at Sunday's rally and addressing the crowd, Engen waited until it was over, and instead issued a totally lame, wishy-washy written statement, as follows:

“This is my answer to those emails and calls,” he wrote. “We’ll listen, learn and change. It won’t be enough for some and too much for others. It will be too slow or too fast. But we’ll make progress.”

The public demands for appropriate Mayoral action continued during Monday evening's City Council meeting, via angry phone calls to the virtual meeting. Engen responded then by saying the police are still competing their investigation.

EARTH TO ENGEN: WE DON'T PERMIT CRIMINAL SUSPECTS TO INVESTIGATE THEMSELVES, AND WE CANNOT PERMIT THE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE THEMSELVES, EITHER!

Police Chief White has demonstrated that he is not the calibre of police chief Missoulians deserve, and Mayor Engen's tepid statements evidence a major failure of leadership as well as a lack of appreciation of what persons of color endure on an ongoing basis.

FIRE CHIEF WHITE, MAYOR ENGEN. ASK SEN. TESTER TO REQUEST A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION. OR RESIGN.

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