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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Chief Oscar J. Lewis III
Subject: Retirement
Date: December 11, 2017

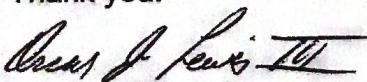
Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing this letter to serve as notification of my intent to retire from public service as Chief of the Columbus Police Department effective December 31, 2017. My last official duty day will be December 28, 2017. I would like to thank you all for the opportunity afforded me to serve this community as their Chief of Police. I have served this community twenty-three of my twenty-five years in law enforcement and I consider it an honor and a privilege. This has been a great experience for me and I pray I have served you well. I could not have done it without the help of citizens, community leaders, and Pastors.

To the men and women of the Columbus Police Department, you will always hold a special place in my heart. You will be missed! I thank you for your service, sacrifice and dedication to this community, department and this profession. You carried on this department's crime fighting efforts when our numbers were at their lowest and you continue to do a great job although criticism of this profession is at an all-time high. You are to be commended. I am proud to have served alongside a great group of officers and support staff. May God bless and keep you and your families!

I respectfully request approval for any unused sick and vacation days to be applied towards my retirement, to purchase my duty weapon, to keep my badge and name tag, and to receive a plaque and/or shadow box to commemorate my years of service with the Columbus Police Department.

Thank you!



Oscar J. Lewis III
Chief of Police