

March 21, 2019

In May 2018, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee began an audit of the City of Lincoln's business practices. The audit findings were made public today and document insufficient adherence to financial policies, processes and procedures in multiple areas.

Over the last several months, City staff has examined and made us aware of deficient financial processes and procedures, the depth of which appalled us. The audit findings reflect our concerns, and our priority moving forward is to finalize a corrective action plan and ensure the City adheres to it.

The Council acknowledges mistakes were made that have eroded the public's trust, and we apologize. We regret not requiring more detailed operational reporting, not directing an overhaul of business practices sooner, and not demanding prior management make needed changes.

As a Lincoln resident or business owner, it is your right to expect transparent, consistent, and proper practices from your city government. As your elected representatives, it is our duty to deliver that governance to our community. We each take that role seriously.

We stand together to ensure the Council and City staff correct mistakes and begin to make the challenging yet achievable changes to our fiscal management and oversight practices. While we know the findings may be perceived as a setback, we have learned from this experience, are dedicated to preventing any recurrence, and are confident the action plan we have already embarked upon will make us stronger in the coming months and years.

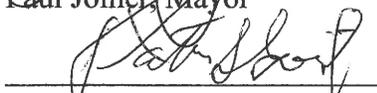
Lincoln is an incredible city that nearly 50,000 residents call home. We will do all we can to protect that for generations to come.

We will continue to provide you with our progress, updates and additional measures at our Council meetings and at lincolnca.gov.

Sincerely,



Paul Joiner, Mayor



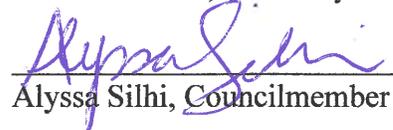
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