



## CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Citizens Police Review Board

October 16, 2013

Mayor McDavid  
c/o City Clerk  
City of Columbia  
P.O. Box 6015  
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Re: Televising of the Citizens Police Review Board Meetings

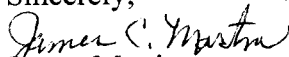
Dear Mayor McDavid:

Currently, all regular monthly meetings of the Citizens Police Review Board are televised. It is our understanding that city staff arranged for the meetings to be televised at the request of former Councilwoman Anthony. On October 9, 2013, the Board discussed the issue and voted 7 to 2 in favor of asking the Council to direct staff to discontinue televising the meetings. Dr. Kennett and Dr. Martin dissented on the vote because they believe it is important for members of the public to be able to watch the meetings on the city channel.

The Board is making this request as it believes that televising the meetings may make complainants feel uncomfortable. Televising the meetings requires the Board to meet in the Council Chambers. The Board would prefer to meet in a less formal setting such as one of the conference rooms on the first floor of city hall. The Board feels that the use of the other conference rooms will facilitate discussions and will make members of the public more comfortable coming to the Board. In addition, some board members feel that televising the meetings is an unnecessary expense.

Should you have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
James Martin  
Chair

cc: Fred Schmidt  
Michael Trapp  
Karl Skala  
Ian Thomas  
Laura Nauser  
Barbara Hoppe