

January 4, 2025

Mr. Mayor, Members of City Council, and City Manager Long,

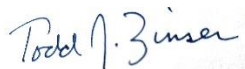
There were so many shootings and killings in East and West Price Hill in just the last several days that I am not even certain of the total number. It is at least 6 or 7. Yet, we have heard nothing from City Hall. You should go to the microphones and explain the city's deterrence strategies and your assessment of how well they are being implemented. And then tell the public what the city is going to do differently. Because the current efforts do not seem to be working.

Also, there is a lot of ongoing skepticism about the integrity of the city's crime data. We are told that the city's crime data shows that crime is going down. But that is not the lived experience of many of us. It is critical for many reasons that our crime data have the highest integrity. Primarily so that the public can have confidence in the policies adopted and actions taken to fight crime. The city should engage an independent audit of the integrity of the crime data in order to either put the issue to rest or identify any necessary improvements to the system.

Finally, the city should revisit the consolidation of Districts 3 and 5. If the city has assessed the progress of the consolidation, it should be made public. Otherwise, the city should conduct an assessment to determine if the consolidation is accomplishing its intent and whether it is delivering effective public safety. Many in the original District 3 believe that crime has been worse since the consolidation. The residents in the original District 5 probably feel the same way.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd J. Zinser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink stamp underneath.

Todd J. Zinser
West Price Hill

