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## City Attorney Zach Klein Says All Options Remain on the Table Following Deadly Shooting near Summit Ave. Hookah Lounge

Klein says that at the conclusion of investigation, he will push for maximum accountability for individuals and/or businesses at the center of violent melee that left three dead and others wounded

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today indicated that all options remain on the table regarding a potential nuisance property located at the corner of Summit St. and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. near Weinland Park and Italian Village where a shooting over the weekend left three dead and another three wounded. City Attorney Klein says that the Property Action Team is currently working alongside the Division of Police to investigate any nuisance activity related to the MIA Hookah Cafe to determine the most appropriate course of action to improve safety and security.

"Public safety remains my top priority, and we will push for maximum accountability for all those involved, whether individuals or businesses, in creating this violent melee that left three dead and endangered countless others who live and work in the surrounding neighborhood. Their disregard for public safety and human life is unconscionable," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

"The Property Action Team is currently working with the Division of Police to investigate any and all nuisance activity related to this business, and all options remain on the table. We will not hesitate to take owners to court if that is determined to be the most appropriate action to ensure this property is safe for patrons, workers and the surrounding neighborhood. There is no excuse for these senseless acts of violence and my heart goes out to the victims and their families."