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John Glenn College of Public Affairs Releases Report Following Independent Review of Columbus Protests

*City Leaders Commissioned Independent Assessment of City's Handling
and Policing Protocols*

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, led by Dean Trevor Brown and former United States Attorney Carter Stewart, has concluded their independent assessment and report of the City of Columbus' response to the protests during the spring and summer of 2020, following the murder of George Floyd.

Last June, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein called for an outside entity to conduct a thorough review and assessment of the City's handling of the protests. The John Glenn College of Public Affairs, in partnership with Carter Stewart, agreed to conduct the research project on behalf of the City, which was approved through legislative measures by the Columbus City Council in July.

The [report, which can be found on the Glenn College's website](#), outlines the researchers' conclusions and recommendations after several months of confidential interviews with protest participants, observers, law enforcement personnel, and more. The assessment includes reviews of police training protocols, use of tactical gear and equipment, communication, and collaboration with other law enforcement organizations. The team performing the research on behalf of the City of Columbus included faculty from the John Glenn College of Public Affairs and The Ohio State University, along with outside experts in policing, community engagement, and civil rights.

"I firmly believe that it is our responsibility as leaders to hold ourselves accountable to the residents of Columbus. This honest, objective assessment of where we have fallen short, as well as what we did correctly, is a tool for us to make real progress," said City Attorney Zach Klein. "I hope the independent research and recommendations can serve as an opportunity for us to continue to make necessary changes to our policing protocols and city responses to bring fairness and safety to all members of our community."

Dean Trevor Brown and Carter Stewart will be holding a media availability via Zoom at 1:00 PM ET today to address questions about their findings. Please direct any questions about the report and the media availability to Lisa Frericks at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at frericks.12@osu.edu.

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