

Statement from Steve LeClair:

The ad created by Fire Fighters for Better Government is factual, accurate and properly cited, and I stand firmly behind it. I have attached the script citation herein. As recently as last night, there were “no cars available city-wide.” The Mayor’s reckless annexation plan with no regard for a correlating build-up of vital city services has stretched all departments too thin.

The backlash to this ad is an attempt by the Mayor to distract the citizens of Omaha from the weak public safety policies she has implemented over the past four years, and an ineffective attempt to deflect blame for the fact that there are no cars available for citizens, fire fighters and police on a daily basis. However, as you see in the ad, there are always cars available to patrol the Mayor’s gated community 9-15 times per day. If the Mayor and the Chief are so concerned about crime that her gated community requires this amount of special attention, then neither one of them is doing their job. One advantage to the Mayor living in a gated community is that if she is so concerned about crime, she can close the gate. Most Omahans do not have that luxury.

I am disappointed that the Mayor and Chief Schmaderer have chosen to politicize the recent events in Pottawattamie County by introducing those tragic events into political discourse in Omaha. The Mayor and Chief Schmaderer are fully aware that the commercial in question was produced weeks ago and that the media buy was made last week. Furthermore, it is woefully inappropriate that the Mayor’s campaign representatives asked Chief Schmaderer to call me last week and ask me to pull the ad.

It would serve the Mayor and Chief Schmaderer well to remember that the Chief of Police is a classified position, with civil service protection, not a political appointment. The Chief of Police serves the citizens, not the Mayor. I think Omaha deserves better from its leaders.

The script he mentions in his statement is included on the next page of this document.

“Day and Night” – v. 04 – Firefighters for Better Government – 30 Second TV Ad

Video	Audio
<p>Video of Stothert.</p> <p>Mayor Stothert Headlines over aerial of Omaha: “...Omaha’s Annexation Would Be A Drain on City Services” <i>Omaha World Herald, 7/20/15</i></p> <p>Time-lapse of suburban home.</p> <p>Actual OPD Dispatch Records: Dispatchers: No cars citywide... No cars citywide... No cars citywide... Holding. No cars citywide. <i>Date and time stamps</i></p> <p><u>Jean Stothert</u> Response Times Up <i>OPD Crime Stats, 2013-2016</i></p> <p>“Rape and aggravated assault numbers have increased” <i>Omaha World Herald, 3/31/17</i></p> <p>Actual OPD Dispatch Records: Dispatchers: I am holding the call. I will get someone out as soon as there is a car citywide... No cars citywide. <i>Date and time stamps</i></p> <p>Footage of police cars going into Stothert’s gated community. Actual Footage</p> <p>Omaha Deserves Better</p> <p>Support Omaha Police <i>Firefighters for Better Government. 6005 Grover Street, Omaha, NE 68106</i></p>	<p>Mayor Stothert says Omaha is doing okay on crime.</p> <p>But her policies are stretching Omaha’s police too thin.</p> <p><i>Dispatchers: No cars citywide... No cars citywide... No cars citywide... Holding. No cars citywide.</i></p> <p>Response times are up.</p> <p>And “rape and aggravated assault numbers have increased.”</p> <p><i>Dispatchers: I am holding the call. I will get someone out as soon as there is a car citywide... No cars citywide.</i></p> <p>While the Mayor has police patrolling her gated community day <i>and</i> night.</p> <p>Omaha deserve better.</p>