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## **We the People Organize Calls on Mayor Whitmire to Appoint an External Candidate for Police Chief**

HOUSTON, May 13, 2024 – *The following is a statement of Mr. Hai Bui, founder of We the People Organize:*

“In light of recent events that led to the retirement of HPD Chief Troy Finner, and in response to KPRC Mario Diaz’s interview with Interim-Chief Satterwhite—who admitted prior knowledge of the Code—We the People Organize strongly urges Mayor Whitmire to consider an external candidate for the next Chief of HPD. The discovery of HPD’s emails, texts, and letters by the media reveals that the Assistant Chiefs were aware of the Code yet failed to prevent the suspension of 264,000 cases. This underscores our call for a new Chief from outside the HPD.

“Bringing in a new chief from outside the HPD will signal a commitment to transparency and accountability. It is imperative for rebuilding trust between the police department and Houstonians, and for enhancing the morale among officers who serve our community daily. An outsider with a proven track record of effective law enforcement leadership and integrity will be pivotal in turning a new page for HPD.

“We firmly believe that this is a critical step towards restoring confidence and establishing a culture of integrity within the Houston Police Department. Mayor Whitmire has a unique opportunity to lead this change and demonstrate his commitment to the safety and trust of all Houston residents.

“We the People Organize stands ready to support this transition and urges Mayor Whitmire to prioritize the long-term health and effectiveness of our police force by selecting a qualified external candidate.”

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2024/05/09/i-am-sorry-houston-acting-police-chief-responds-to-when-he-found-out-about-the-department-suspending-incident-reports/>

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