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Dear County Executive Innamorato, Interim Warden Dady and  
Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board:

As chair of the Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP) I am requesting that each of you review, in detail, the "Open Letter Outlining Dangerous Conditions and a Plan of Action for the Allegheny Jail B-PEP Position Paper" of October 1, 2022, as the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board begins this new year of 2024. I am also asking that the letters, position papers and recommendations made from other community organizations, including those of the PA Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN), Abolitionist Law Center, the Alliance for Police Accountability, 1 HOOD, the Peace is Possible Coalition and others be thoroughly reviewed as a priority for this new year to consider what needed actions have not as yet been taken and what actions *should* be implemented in 2024.

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It is our hope with you, Sara, as our new County Executive, and showing your commitment to a new start for the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board by being present tonight, along with you, Shane, as our new Interim Warden, that a new positive and open relationship between those of us who have continued to appear before this board month after month will be created and that those incarcerated in the County Jail will have their rights protected and respected, and that they many services they need will be provided.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests. ‘

Sincerely,

Tim Stevens

Tim Stevens, Chairman & CEO

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