



Press Release

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The Mayor and City Council for the City of Morrow are committed to ensuring equal employment opportunities for all City employees and applicants for employment. Employment practices and working conditions that violate any applicable federal or state laws prohibiting employment discrimination, including harassment and retaliation, are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. As such, the Mayor and Council take allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation very seriously.

In keeping with this commitment, and in the interest of building and maintaining the trust and confidence of our citizens, the decision was made to retain an outside investigator to conduct an investigation into recent allegations of employment discrimination, harassment, and retaliation within the Morrow Police Department. Mr. David Archer of Cartersville, Georgia, was retained for this purpose. Mr. Archer, who was recommended by the City's outside labor and employment law firm, is a well-respected member of the State Bar of Georgia. He is an experienced municipal attorney who has conducted numerous investigations of this nature for other cities and local government employers throughout the State.

Mr. Archer is conducting an independent investigation. Decisions regarding witnesses to be interviewed, documents to be reviewed, etc., are his alone, with City staff being limited to a support role; e.g., making the necessary arrangements for interviews, locating and providing copies of requested documents, etc. Upon the conclusion of his investigation, Mr. Archer will render his findings regarding the allegations in question without direction or influence from the City or anyone acting on its behalf.

Once Mr. Archer has concluded his investigation and has reported his findings, the City of Morrow will evaluate those findings in light of City policy and applicable law and take appropriate action. No further statements regarding the allegations or Mr. Archer's investigation will be made until that time.

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