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Ms. Rothman:

Last night I imposed a curfew, a hard decision to make when this nation is facing a time when the people need to be heard, but that action along with the cooperation of peaceful demonstrators helped keep Asheville safe and persons and local businesses safe.

I am aware of the incident involving officers destroying the medical supplies of demonstrators, including water bottles, food, and other supplies.Â Council has asked for an explanation of why that occurred.Â

We are a city that cares and I want to thank all of our officers who have taken a knee and worked to protect us.Â But this was a disappointing moment in an otherwise peaceful evening.



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**From:** Jo Anna Dane <Joanna@joannadane.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:11 AM  
**To:** esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com  
**Subject:** A concerned Asheville Citizen

Dear Mayor Manheimer,

I am a citizen of Asheville and this morning I am livid.

I am deeply concerned and frankly disgusted at the behavior of the APD.

Over the past several days I have become increasingly disheartened to witness them use chemical weapons on protestors as well as shoot paint guns at them.

The protests that are happening are needed, justified and necessary. The APD needs to understand that.

I was concerned when I got notification that there was to be a curfew in our city.

I understand the concern that white supremacy groups and other agent provocateurs might be coming to these protests to instigate violence. As a Jewish woman this scares to me my absolute core.

However, these are the people whom your officers need to find and deal with....so that the protests can go on and change can be created.

Your curfew incited more violence....except, of course, it was by the police.

I have seen the videos and read the first hand reports of the APD being aggressive towards medics and destroying the medic tent. Supplies were destroyed. Why? So that no one could use them? Or so that they police could exercise their might?

These were medics. They were here to serve the people, who have the right to protest. And franky, we need to protest the systemic racism and brutality that is not only a part of policing but a part of this country.

My family came to this country having escaped the pogroms in eastern Europe. I assume, like most, your family has a similar story. In the lens of history, we don't look back kindly or fondly to those in charge who sided with the aggressive, abusive government. Don't side with racism. Don't side with police brutality. Side with freedom and justice. Side with the creation of peace.

The officers who chose to destroy the medic tent and rough up the medics need to be fired. The new chief needs to step down. And if you won't take effective action to protect, serve and honor your citizens you should step down as well. Listen to black people. Believe them. Black lives matter

Please help this city thrive.

Very Truly Yours,  
Jo Anna Rothman