



Cherokee Triangle Association Members,

This letter serves as an update on the recent street takeovers and violence along the Bardstown Road corridor, culminating in two shootings this past weekend. These incidents continue a troubling pattern, following a double shooting near Bardstown Road and Highland Avenue in March and another near Mid City Mall in May. All five shootings occurred during the weekend hours after 2:00 a.m.

Over the past several days, I've spoken with many neighbors who expressed frustration, anger, and genuine concern for the safety of our community. I have been a Highlands resident for nearly 30 years and I moved here for its historic character, walkability, diversity and the fact it is home to Louisville's most vibrant restaurant and entertainment districts. We all want that same energy and vitality to continue, but the behavior we've witnessed over the past year is unacceptable and threatens the quality of life that makes the entire Highlands community special.

For nearly a year, the CTA Board has worked closely with LMPD's Fifth Division, ABC leadership, Metro Councilman Ben Reno-Weber, and Mayor Greenberg's administration to address these challenges. On behalf of the CTA, I participate in bi-weekly strategy meetings with Mayor Greenberg, LMPD Chief Humphrey, Sheriff David James, ABC Director Brad Silveria, Director of Public Safety Misty Wright, Ben Reno-Weber, and Sean Vandevander who represents the Louisville Hospitality Association including the bars and clubs on Bardstown Road. These meetings focus on evaluating what is working, identifying gaps, and implementing coordinated solutions.

The increased enforcement you have seen is a direct result of those efforts. Last weekend alone, law enforcement made 21 adult arrests and issued 39 adult citations. While there has been considerable dialogue about those under 18, the vast majority of those participating in these unlawful activities are 18-25 years old. This weekend, residents should expect an even larger coordinated presence from LMPD, ABC, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Corrections, and PARC.

What happens on Bardstown Road directly impacts all of the surrounding neighborhoods. The Cherokee Triangle Association Board remains committed to working with all stakeholders to restore the corridor to what it should be: a safe, welcoming destination where neighbors and all visitors can enjoy our restaurants, businesses, and nightlife without concern for their safety.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support as we work together to protect the neighborhood we all call home.

Rob Willy - President Cherokee Triangle Association