

RESOLUTION NO. 133
Calling on Police Chief Samuel Dotson to Resign

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is the heart of an American metropolis, and it faces public safety challenges like many other major metropolitan areas throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City's police chief, D. Samuel Dotson III, has announced that he is running for mayor and maintains that he will campaign only on nights and weekends and not during his work hours; and

WHEREAS, the work hours of the chief law enforcement officer of the City of St. Louis cannot be confined to from 9 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon; and

WHEREAS, the notion that the police chief of the City of St. Louis can work full time and campaign for mayor is a disservice to his department and our citizenry; as Mayor Slay put it in his October 6, 2016, statement, "St. Louis must have a full-time police chief"; and

WHEREAS, the chief's announcement comes at a time when the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is facing a particular challenge in recruitment and hiring; as of March of this year, the department was operating with 100 officer positions unfilled.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we call on D. Samuel Dotson III to resign as police chief of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department immediately should he file to stand for election for mayor.

Introduced on the 14th day of October, 2016, by:

The Honorable Joseph D. Roddy, Alderman, 17th Ward
The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, _____, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen