

I appreciate all of the prayers and overwhelming show of love and support for my well-being during this extremely difficult time. I want everyone to know that I'm doing just fine.

For the record, since late June, I have not had a staff nor have I received a salary from the City of Detroit. At that time, I had requested a doctor-recommended leave of absence from my position on council. I was told by Kevyn Orr's office that my leave was not allowable and that I needed to return to work in less than a week.

Since then, I have found an employment opportunity elsewhere. Because of that, I am stepping down from position on Detroit City Council. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have served the city I love.

It's been challenging, but I've found the strength to move on with my life despite a deliberate effort to destroy me with rumors, innuendo, half-truth and outright B.S. (including a false police report filed against me).

However, God is still good, and I am moving on --- grateful for every lesson I have learned.

Since my childhood, I have overcome incredible challenges and mind-boggling tragedies – including the untimely and violent deaths of both my parents. So, getting through this manufactured drama is just another example of God's grace.

I am a law-abiding person, who is now a private citizen and, moving forward, I would kindly ask for people to respect my right to privacy.

I am excited about this next chapter just beginning in my life. Everyday, I am thankful for the success I have achieved, but I look forward to the new successes yet to come.

With Sincere gratitude,
Charles Pugh