



THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Monroe County



March 26, 1963

The Rochester City Council

Attention: Mr. Wilbur Patlow, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

After a caucus of the Executive Committee of the Monroe County Conservative Party, we would like to inform you that the Monroe County Conservative Party strongly opposes the creation of any quasi-judicial, investigative agency such as the proposed Police Advisory or Review Board.

The protection of the human rights of all citizens who are aggrieved is inseparable from the same rights of those who are accused. The rights of such persons depend quite simply whether they can obtain a fair hearing and, if necessary, a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury as guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution and the law of New York State.

The Conservative Party opposes the establishment of any new agency which is merely superimposed upon the excessively complex administrative machinery of government.

The proposal of a Police Review Board seems to us to indicate a lack of faith by the city administration toward their own appointed administrators. Even if people were to assume that such a mistrust were justified, the vehicles for correction are available within the presently constituted bodies.

It is indeed unfortunate that this proposal has been mis-labeled by a few people as an issue of protection of the rights of minority groups. The Conservative Party is fundamental in its belief that the rights of all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or color must be protected. We do believe, however, that the presently constituted avenues of appeal are quite sufficient to protect these basic rights.

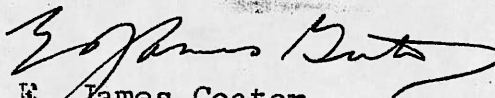
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It is also unfortunate that this issue has been parleyed into a "political football" among the members of the Rochester City Council. Political aspirations should play absolutely no part in any issue where the question of "due process of law" is involved.

The Monroe County Conservative Party suggests that since this issue has been mis-labeled and since it has become a "political football" that the recourse which should be taken is to submit this question to the citizens of Rochester by referendum on the ballot next November. It appears that as a result of how this issue has been handled as of this time, it is only by a vote of the citizens that true representation can be expressed. By deferring the decision until next fall there will be ample time for the excessive emotionalism to simmer down and for the duly constituted agencies of our city government to demonstrate their ability to handle such problems.

Yours very truly,



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