



October 22, 2025

Sent via email to Communications Director Aliya Wishner and Chief of Staff Dan Parker

RE: Your Attendance at the 79th Historic Irvington Halloween Festival

Dear Mayor Hogsett,

As you are aware, multiple media outlets have documented serious concerns regarding actions taken by your administration, particularly involving your Chief of Staff, Thomas Cook. Several survivors of these documented incidents (and others not yet reported on) reside in our neighborhood and have expressed concern about your expected attendance at this year's Historic Irvington Halloween Festival (an event run by this organization).

We attempted to privately obtain clarification through your Communications Director, but unfortunately, no commitment was made regarding your attendance.

In response to a formal request from neighbors—and out of respect for survivors of sexual assault and others affected—the Historic Irvington Community Council has voted to formally ask that you refrain from attending any event associated with the 79th Historic Irvington Halloween Festival.

While we understand this is a public event and we cannot restrict your attendance, we urge you to consider the impact your presence may have. At best, it would be a distraction; at worst, it would be re-traumatizing for members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Beecher

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President, Historic Irvington Community Council