



December 21, 2020

The Honorable Pamela S. Hemminger  
Mayor, Town of Chapel Hill  
405 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Dear Mayor Hemminger:

As we head toward a new year, one of the things I am grateful for is the partnership between the Town of Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Although we live in a challenging time, I am heartened that our partnership continues to strengthen as we seek to identify creative ways to collaboratively tackle issues we face together. This past fall semester, the informal relationship between our respective law enforcement agencies has been amenable to enforcing the University's COVID-19 community standards. However, given the recent federal allegations of drug trafficking by former students who were also residents of the Town, I believe that a more formal relationship is necessary.

As you are aware, the University's campus police department lacks enforcement jurisdiction over the private properties off campus where fraternity and sorority houses are located. All of these properties are immediately adjacent to the University and are occupied entirely by students enrolled at the University, yet the University currently has no legal jurisdiction to enforce laws at such properties. I am writing to request a limited, yet reasonable, grant of joint jurisdiction to properties bordering the University where fraternity and sorority houses are located. Such joint jurisdiction will enable University police (as well as Town of Chapel Hill Police) to enforce federal, state and local laws on properties occupied by individuals enrolled at the University. Granting the University joint jurisdiction in this limited circumstance will enable our respective police departments to enforce the laws we must all abide for a healthy and safe community.

I propose we commission the leaders of our respective law enforcement agencies along with our attorneys to work together to flesh out the details of a formal agreement to help us navigate the various steps needed for approval and implementation. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this proposal as well as other creative ways that the Town and University can ensure the safety and wellbeing of the communities we both serve.

Sincerely,



Kevin M. Guskiewicz

Chancellor

Cc: Peter Hans, President, UNC System  
Richard Stevens, Chair, UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees  
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