



# City of Glenarden

**Dear Citizens:**

Our community has been devastated by the allegations of sexual abuse by Deonte Carraway against a number of our young people. The City of Glenarden has prided itself as a forum to provide opportunities for our young community to participate in a safe environment in a variety of educational and recreational activities. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with the victims and the families of those who were subjected to any mistreatment by Mr. Carraway.

As you know, there are ongoing criminal investigations being conducted by the United States Attorney General's Office and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. Because I do not wish to interfere in any fashion with those investigations, I have made very limited comments about the criminal charges against Mr. Carraway. I can, however, assure you that the City of Glenarden will cooperate fully with both the United States Attorney General's Office and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. In addition, based upon our internal investigation, there does not appear to be any evidence that an elected official or employee for the City of Glenarden knew of any misconduct by Mr. Carraway. The City has for many years allowed various civic groups and organizations to use rooms within the municipal building for community purposes. As with such other groups, Mr. Carraway's Youth Choir was granted permission to hold choir practice.

As noted above, the City pledges its full support to provide any information it can to aid the federal and state investigations into Mr. Carraway's actions. It is my hope that we as a community can gain strength from one another as we confront these most disturbing and heartbreaking allegations of misconduct perpetuated against members of our community.

Dennis C. Smith  
Mayor, City of Glenarden