

# Attachment #1

my name is Mary Nixon I live  
at 1307 Perkins St. The music  
came from 2706 & 2704 Noland  
St. I have to turn my TV  
up. I have call the police more than  
once but I didn't have the  
address. Just the Street.  
They have scanner to hear the  
calls. It would have been  
more names but people were  
afraid to sign.

We the citizens of Chester are asking the city to  
change the noise ordinance so that you cannot  
play music loud living right next door to  
someone and the hours that it can be played.

With at least 40 Signatures

**Chester Women in Excellence**

**Whereas**, Black History Month, also known as African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a dedicated time to recognize their impact in the United States; and

**Whereas**, since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month; and

**Whereas**, the origin of Black History Month dates back to 1912 and is the evolution of “Negro History Week,” an event that began because of historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans; and

**Whereas**, in the city of Chester, many African Americans have earned achievements worthy of recognition because of their impact on and in our community; and

**Whereas**, during this Black History Month the city of Chester will honor Women in Excellence from the community whose achievements in politics have etched their name in history books; and

**Whereas**, Willie Mae Leake was the first African American female republican mayor of the city of Chester. She held public office in Chester beginning in 1984 as a Councilmember until she was unanimously voted to complete the unexpired term of Joseph F. Battle Jr. in 1986. She served as the mayor from 1986 to 1991; and

**Whereas**, Barbara Bohannon-Sheppard was the first Democrat to be elected as mayor of Chester since 1905 and the second African American female to hold this office in the city; and

**Whereas,** Livia Smith has served in the community in various capacities for the School District and City Government. In 2007 she was elected as Chairperson of the Chester Democratic Committee, making her the first African American woman to lead this charge for the Committee; and

**Whereas,** Marrea Walker-Smith, who was selected as a 2018 Woman of Distinction, is a community activist and businesswoman who served in City government for 17 years. She served as a Chester City Councilmember from 2003– 2011. In 2010 she was elected as Chairperson for the Chester Republican Committee, this made her the first African American Woman to do so for this committee.

**Now Therefore,** I, Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland and the Council Members of the City of Chester salute black history Month by honoring these Chester Women in Excellence for their individual political achievements that have shaped the community and influenced our City's history.

Presented this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2021