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Allan Fung Has Some Questions to Answer about the Cranston Ticketing Scandal

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – As Mayor, Allan Fung has presided over a police department rife with mismanagement and scandal, with an estimated cost to Cranston taxpayers of upwards of \$1 million.¹ Despite continued media coverage, the mayor has not been forthcoming or transparent about what happened. Unfortunately, Rhode Islanders are all too familiar with this kind of secrecy. It's time that Mayor Fung answers some very important questions about his lack of leadership:

- In December 2013, the wards of two Cranston City Council members were blanketed with parking tickets just hours after a council vote rejecting a new police contract.² Mayor Fung allowed the Police Department's Internal Affairs division to conduct an internal investigation of the ticketing incident.³ Will the Mayor release that written report, redacted?
- Nearly two months after the ticketing incident, the mayor called in the State Police to conduct its own investigation,⁴ just hours before the City Council was planning a resolution calling for the same move.⁵ Will the mayor release the State Police report on the ticketing incident?
- After placing the police chief on paid leave during the ticketing scandal,⁶ Fung allowed the chief to return for a single day for the purpose of retiring with a pension of nearly \$80,000 and termination pay of almost \$100,000, despite the fact that the State Police investigation

¹ *WJAR*, [8/26/14](#)

² *Providence Journal*, [12/16/13](#)

³ *Warwick Beacon*, [1/2/14](#)

⁴ *Providence Journal*, [1/9/14](#)

⁵ *RIPR*, [1/9/14](#)

⁶ *Providence Journal*, [1/10/14](#)

was not yet complete, and that no report has been made public.⁷ Isn't this just the same old Rhode Island politics that takes care of insiders and the well connected?

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⁷ WJAR, [3/18/14](#)