

## **Resolution No. 21**

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions**

#### **Re: Censure of Cleveland Fire Chief Angelo Calvillo**

1           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo, by failing to ensure  
2 performance of required safety testing of apparatus,  
3 equipment, and structural fire fighting ensembles, has  
4 violated various Ohio Administrative Code sections  
5 providing for same, endangering the lives of  
6 members and residents; and

7           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo has improperly  
8 disciplined members for bringing up safety concerns,  
9 thus attempting to intimidate other members from  
10 doing the same; and

11           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo has kept a clandestine  
12 list of members who waive temporary acting  
13 supervisor assignments, to intimidate and prevent  
14 them from exercising their rights under the contract  
15 as well as local and state laws; and

16           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo has failed to properly  
17 staff, supply and train members of the Fire  
18 Investigative Unit and Fire Prevention Bureau,  
19 placing them in danger and potentially compromising  
20 arson investigations, fire code enforcement, and the  
21 safety of members and residents of Cleveland; and

22           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo has failed to  
23 effectively repair and replace apparatus, fifty percent  
24 of which by the City of Cleveland's own assessment  
25 have reached a condition of fair to poor; and

26           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo has failed to develop  
27 a strategic plan using the best industry practices to  
28 properly refurbish and build new firehouses across  
29 the City of Cleveland; and

30 WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo's policies have  
31 resulted in staffing situations that frequently do not  
32 have adequate supervisory oversight, endangering  
33 members and the public; and

34 WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo's actions necessitated  
35 the filing of 226 grievances from October 2015  
36 through December 31, 2018, a majority of which  
37 were granted in the union's favor; and

38 WHEREAS, for the aforesaid reasons and others  
39 too numerous to list, the Association of Fire Fighters  
40 conducted a referendum vote in January 2019  
41 wherein over 85% of members cast ballots, of which  
42 over 95% voted "no confidence" in Chief Calvillo;  
43 and

44 WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid no  
45 confidence vote, it was learned Chief Calvillo  
46 solicited signatures from the voters of the City of  
47 Cleveland to place a mayoral candidate's name on  
48 the ballot, including solicitation of subordinate  
49 personnel who are members of Local 93, which  
50 violates professional and ethical standards and is  
51 further believed to violate various local, state and/or  
52 federal laws, for which he is under active  
53 investigation; and

54 WHEREAS, it has been learned Chief Calvillo, a  
55 salaried employee of the City of Cleveland ineligible  
56 for overtime compensation, requested and received  
57 overtime compensation for performance of his duties  
58 during the 2016 Republican National Convention  
59 which violates professional and ethical standards and  
60 is further believed to violate various local, state  
61 and/or federal laws, for which he is under active  
62 investigation; and

63           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo suspended Lt. Oscar  
64           Idiaquez, a member of Local 93 and Marine Corps  
65           veteran, for the performance of a rescue at the scene  
66           of an industrial accident where the victims were  
67           determined to be viable by paramedics on scene and  
68           hospital emergency room staff, an act of bravery that  
69           would normally result in commendation; and

70           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo has initiated improper  
71           administrative investigations against members for  
72           attending a funeral for a retired IAFF Local 93  
73           brother, whose son is an active member of IAFF  
74           Local 93, although such attendance is clearly  
75           authorized by union contract and city policy; and

76           WHEREAS, Chief Calvillo has failed to provide  
77           adequate resources, training, and equipment to  
78           effectively address the COVID-19 pandemic,  
79           endangering members and residents; and

80           WHEREAS, subsequent to the no confidence  
81           vote, Chief Calvillo's actions and inactions have  
82           necessitated the filing of an additional 190  
83           grievances, bringing a grand total of 416 grievances  
84           in approximately five years, again a majority of  
85           which have been resolved in the union's favor;  
86           therefore be it

87           RESOLVED, That the members of the  
88           International Association of Fire Fighters formally  
89           censure Cleveland Fire Chief Angelo Calvillo; and  
90           be it further

91           RESOLVED, That notice of same be copied to  
92           the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Mayor  
93           of the City of Cleveland, and Council President of  
94           the City of Cleveland.

Submitted by: IAFF Local 93, Cleveland Fire Fighters

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**