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When information comes out of City Hall and the Phoenix Police Department, I expect it to be accurate and in the proper context.

Today, I'm deeply disappointed at the news that our 2008 kidnapping statistics don't meet those standards. For two years, my colleagues and I have been assured by city management that our numbers are accurate. In turn, I relied on this information in my public comments and in my public actions.

To discover now, long after the fact, that these numbers may be wrong, is absolutely unacceptable – just as even one kidnapping in our City is unacceptable.

I intend to ensure that the City conducts a full, accurate, transparent recounting of these numbers and the process used to compile them. Mistakes like this, which potentially impact our credibility with the public and our public safety partners, must be corrected, just as our processes must be fixed to ensure this does not happen again.