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Board of Police Commissioners Chair Lisa Carter issued the following statement on the fatal Minneapolis police encounter on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

“The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners stands in grief and outrage with the family of George Floyd, the Minneapolis community, and people everywhere committed to effective policing and justice – and that includes most law enforcement professionals.

As Police Commissioners and community leaders, we also respect and applaud Police Chief Medaria Arradondo for his leadership and swift actions in firing four officers responsible for turning a police encounter about a possible counterfeit bill into an immediate death sentence. We thank Mayor Jacob Fey for calling for the arrest and jailing of the officer who put his knee on Mr. Floyd’s neck until he died.

Unfortunately, Minneapolis is just the latest community to show the danger faced by black and brown people in police encounters. We have seen too many lose their lives over civil infractions, traffic violations, and other minor offenses. Let us all come together and work for solutions through peaceful protest, strategic change, and collaborative public policy to stop the racism and injustice at the root of these deadly police encounters.”



Created by the 1974 City Charter, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners has supervisory authority and oversight over the Police Department. Under the 2012 Charter, the Board is comprised of 11 civilian members; Detroiters elect seven members by district and the mayor appoints and the city council confirms four at-large members. All board members serve as unpaid volunteers. The current members are Willie E. Bell, Elizabeth Brooks, Darryl D. Brown, Shirley A. Burch, Willie E. Burton, Lisa Carter, William M. Davis, Evette Griffie, Jesus Hernandez, Jim Holley, and Annie Holt. The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meets every Thursday. For the Board meeting schedule, video, minutes, and other information, visit the website at detroitmi.gov/bopc.