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Board of Police Commissioners Chair Lisa Carter issued the following statement on the recent non-violent and violent protests in Detroit

“Since Friday, America and Detroit have seen a tale of two protests.

Most of us support, join, or cheer the non-violent protests against police brutality and social injustice. We know peaceful protest leads to change and empowerment.

Most of us cringe or feel horror at the violent protests. We know violence only causes more problems, including community damage or jail, and we urge those who instigate or engage in violence to stop.

It is still important to recognize that both protests show people are stressed and frustrated, that people want to be heard, that people want to feel safe and free in daily life. No one wants to be the next George Floyd or Eric Garner, the next Ahmaud Arbery or Trayvon Martin, the next Breanna Taylor, Sandra Bland, or Atatiana Jefferson.

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners wants to reassure the public, especially our city’s young people, that we hear you. We are listening. We are here to work with you. Only by working collaboratively and consistently can Detroit and this nation get it right.

Again, on behalf of the Board, I urge everyone to come together and work for both rapid and lasting solutions using peaceful protest, strategic change, and public policy that ends the racism at the root of police brutality and at the root of social injustices against people of color.”



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.