October 28, 2024

Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 106 Washington, DC 20004 bpinto@dccouncil.gov

RE: DC Metropolitan Police Department Use of Force

Dear Councilmember Pinto,

At its regular meeting on October 15, 2024, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With five of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (4-1-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Omictin and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS on the morning of September 1, 2024, police officers responding to a call about a car accident found Justin Robinson, a 26 year-old violence interrupter for Cure the Streets, unconscious behind the wheel of a car that crashed into a building on the 2500 block of Marion Barry Avenue in Southeast, according to police reports¹;

WHEREAS under D.C. law, the subject of serious police use of force or the family of a deceased victim of police force has the option to release body camera footage of the incident or withhold it from the public²;

WHEREAS on Monday, September 9, 2024, with permission of Mr. Robinson's family the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) released two twenty minute bodycam videos;

WHEREAS footage shows officers approach the vehicle with their guns drawn, yelling repeatedly at Robinson, who was unresponsive when officers arrived, to put his hands up;

¹ *UPDATED* MPD Investigating Officer-Involved Shooting | mpdc

² Community Briefing Videos (2024) | mpdc



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WHEREAS the officer seeing a firearm inside of the vehicle, on Mr. Robinson's lap, then thrusts his gun into the window of the driver's seat threatening to shoot Robinson in the face:

WHEREAS police quickly fired 10 bullets and continued to fire even after they moved out of reach, killing Robinson;

WHEREAS this incident is under investigation by the Metropolitan Police Department Internal Affairs Division's Force Investigations Team, which investigates all law enforcement officer-involved shootings in the District of Columbia;

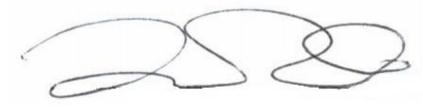
WHEREAS Robinson's family, along with concerned community members, challenge the account given by MPD, increasing community concerns about transparency around police-involved shootings, especially given Robinson's critical role in ending violence in the city and his unconsciousness at the time of his death;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A restates its position from its 2022 MPD oversight resolution: ANC2A" encourages the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee to implement policies to promote a culture of transparency and equity within MPD";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A condemns the killing of Justin Robinson, a violence interrupter, by the Metropolitan Police Department, and is eager for a full independent investigation to take place along with a public hearing in the Committee of the Judiciary on Robinson's death and use of force policies within MPD.

Commissioner Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Yannik Omictin (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION. Sincerely,



Trupti Patel Chairperson

CC:

Chairman Phil Mendelson

Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, At-Large, and Chair Pro Tempore

Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large

Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr., At-Large

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Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Ward 1

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Tadai Abilla, Mayor's Office of Community Relations