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Cleveland Community Police Commission's (CPC) Statement on the Death of George Floyd

(CLEVELAND, OH) -- This weekend, Americans came together in solidarity across the nation to condemn racism in protests that were sparked by the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. Thousands gathered in downtown Cleveland to protest the loss of another black man at the hands of police, and to demand an end to racism, and an end to bias in policing.

All of us on the CPC were profoundly saddened and horrified by George Floyd's killing, as we were by similar events that took place across the country and in our own city. For this reason, the CPC stands with community members who exercised their first amendment rights in this fight for social justice.

No one in our society benefits from racism, bad policing, or violence. Amidst news reports that focus on the destructive acts of few, the moving narrative of thousands of people of all races and backgrounds demonstrating peacefully for hours in the heart of Cleveland is not being told. The CPC sees, recognizes, and applauds our fellow Clevelanders for conducting themselves peacefully. Your message was not lost. The CPC, in collaboration with citizens, the Department of Justice, and the Cleveland Division of Police, is committed to work towards police reform and establishing an [effective civilian oversight system](#) in Cleveland.

The CPC would like to hear from the community, now, as always.

- 1) If you witnessed police misconduct, file a complaint with the Cleveland Office of Professional Standards (OPS) through the [OPS Citizen Complaint Form](#) or by emailing CLEPoliceComplaints@city.cleveland.oh.us.
- 2) The CPC will be meeting soon to discuss this weekend's protests. We want to hear from you. We encourage you to send stories and/or images of what you experienced to info@clecpc.org.
- 3) Please stay in touch by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or by signing up to receive the [CPC newsletter](#) to be updated on our next steps. This continues to be a critical time in police accountability.

About the Cleveland Community Police Commission (CPC): The CPC was established in 2015 as part of the Consent Decree between the City of Cleveland and the U.S. Department of Justice. The CPC works with the community to provide input on police policies to help strengthen relationships between officers and the communities they serve. Better policies will help ensure policing in Cleveland is safe, effective, and that people's civil rights are upheld. For more information, visit the CPC's website: www.clecpc.org.

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