



**Indianapolis
Urban League**

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Statement and Collective Call for Body Cameras and Dashboard Cameras for All IMPD Officers.

"Our community laments the variety of circumstances that led to the death of Andre Green. Our prayers extend to his family, the victim(s) of the alleged carjacking and the law enforcement officers involved in the recent events. We encourage a complete, timely and thorough investigation so that justice and understanding may prevail.

We understand and feel the frustration the entire community feels at times like this. Despite sharing a deep and profound sense of grief, anger and concern regarding the various issues that impact our city, we stand to affirm our commitment to healing our community, enriching the lives of our residents and guests and promoting standards and values that build competence and confidence. To that end we call and will work for the following:

- * increased public awareness of the various processes that exist, or need to exist, relating to use of force and law enforcement protocols
- * acquisition of dash and body cameras and the establishment of appropriate policy, procedures and controls therein for the protection of civilians and law enforcement personnel.
- * increased awareness of the number of and access to unlicensed firearms among and impacting youth and address the degree this access is aided and abetted by adults
- * increased capacity and vigilance to focus energy and resources on family support and strengthening and to address the health, educational, economic, social and political variables that negatively impact the lives of residents and guests

We recognize that law enforcement officers are not infallible and we encourage the community to avoid divisive and ruinous type of reactions (on all sides) to the challenges we and other cities face. Additionally, we salute current leadership at IMPD for their commitment to dialogue, partnership and to justice within and outside of the department. We call for the Mayor, City Council leadership and all candidates for elected office to support and work for the acquisition of body and dash cams and the tools and policies/procedures that can promote confidence among law enforcement and the civilians they serve. Finally, we encourage the seasoned and emerging generation of community leadership to intentionally and forcefully engage your spheres of influence in dialogue about the issues raised by incidents like this with the resolve to support the recommendations herein and to promote a peaceful and thriving community we all call home."

Signed:

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