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FORWARD LATINO CONDEMNS MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD, CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ARREST, CHARGES & TRANSPARENCY OF INVESTIGATION

Franklin, WI – Following the murder of George Floyd on Monday, May 25, 2020 by a Minneapolis Police Department officer, Forward Latino calls for the swift arrest of Minneapolis Police Department Officer Derek Chauvin, that charges be filed against him and that the investigation be done in a swift, thorough and transparent manner. George Floyd was murdered Monday by on-duty Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin. All video associated with the incident contradicts the officer's account that George Floyd resisted arrest.

Darryl Morin, National President of Forward Latino issued the following statement.

“Our nation can no longer continue to say that incidents of unwarranted police violence do not occur. Time and time again the dangers associated with being a person of color have been well documented. While Forward Latino does and continues to support the overwhelming number of law enforcement officers that uphold their oath and commitment to serve and protect all individuals equally, regardless of color, gender, religion, color, orientation, language or socio-economic status, change must occur. From leadership and elected officials addressing needed policy and legislative changes, to the rank-and-file police officers who must put their profession and the communities they are sworn to protect first and before any individual who abuses their power and the public trust.

The tragedy in Minneapolis raises many concerns and questions of intent and accountability as no arrests have been made and no charges filed regardless of the overwhelming evidence.

While Milwaukee recently suffered a tragedy of its own with an off-duty officer taking the life of Joel Acevedo, the Milwaukee Police Department immediately arrested the officer while at the scene, the Chief of Police immediately requested and turned over the investigation to the District Attorney's office and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the department's oversight body is conducting the internal investigation and homicide charges have been filed against Officer Mattioli.

There is much more to be done and for the families of the victims, there are no words or form of compensation that will ease their pain or bring their loved ones back. As such, we must commit ourselves to ensuring change happens.”



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