



# Monroe County Legislature

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### **BLACK AND ASIAN CAUCUS STATEMENT ON THE VERDICT IN DEREK CHAUVIN’S TRIAL**

The Black and Asian Democratic Caucus is pleased with the verdict in the criminal case against former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. Our thoughts today are with the family of George Floyd, whose murder sparked a movement like no other in history. Mr. Floyd’s death was an example in a long line of violence against people of color by law enforcement. We hope that the conviction on all counts against Mr. Chauvin signals the beginning of change when it comes to police-community relations, especially when those communities are mostly made up of people of color. We also hope that this will change the trajectory of policing across the nation to make everybody safer. Justice for George Floyd and his family brings us relief and we must never forget the names of those who never received their justice.

However, the movement is far from being done. As we saw in our own city just last year in the case of Daniel Prude, people of color are still killed while those responsible for the deaths are not being held accountable. We will keep fighting for justice for all of those who have been victims of police brutality and all other forms of violence against communities of color. As the great Malcolm X said, “I’m for truth, no matter who tells it. I’m for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I’m a human being, first and foremost, and as such I’m for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole.”

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