

Minnesota House of Representatives

Mayor Jacob Frey City Hall 350 S. Fifth St., Room 331 Minneapolis, MN 55415

Interim Minneapolis Police Chief Amelia Huffman City Hall 350 Fifth St. S., Room 130 Minneapolis, MN 55415

February 3, 2022

Dear Mayor Frey and Interim Chief Huffman,

In the early morning hours of February 2, 2022, Minneapolis police, in serving a search warrant at the Bolero Flats apartment building, shot and killed Mr. Amir Locke. We, members of the Minneapolis legislative delegation, request that the police bodycam footage of this incident be released immediately. If there will be further delays, then those delays, their rationale, and a timeline for release must be made clear to the public.

These past few years have been difficult on the Minneapolis community due to strained relations and lack of trust between the community and the Minneapolis Police Department. We believe that one path to establishing trust between the police department and the community is greater transparency and accountability of police actions. Releasing the bodycam footage of this event, allowing the public to see actions of both officers and Mr. Locke, is essential.

Minneapolis has a long path before us in establishing a trusting, effective, and professional relationship between its police department and community. Increasing transparency around this tragic situation will be an important step in this journey. We urge you to think creatively with the current laws to release the footage. And we stand ready to support you in your efforts to update state laws so that these delays are no longer a roadblock to the transparency that you and the community seek.

Sincerely,



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