

# African American Roundtable: Shares list of some of current demands

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MILWAUKEE, WI — The African-American Roundtable is committed to action for justice on behalf of individuals (both past and present) who have lost their lives at the hands of police violence. The events that have transpired in Milwaukee over the past week have been a display of community pain and frustration toward unfair policing practices and systemic racism. The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the aftermath of the ongoing protests across the nation have been unfortunate, and revealing. His death has reignited the conversation around policing in America which has yet to be resolved. Unfortunately, there have been recent cases, like Joel Acevedo's murder, locally that mirror the tragedy that has sparked national unrest. "We're going through the consequence of white supremacy not being addressed, racism not being addressed, divestment from communities not being addressed," said Markasa Tucker, Director of the African American Roundtable. "So much more has not been addressed that people shouldn't expect any other response, referring to the protests and when looting occurs."

We must come together as a community to hold our political system accountable in order to create a safe community for all to live and thrive. Our demands are as follows:

## Public Safety

- Community investment: A \$75 million divestment from the Milwaukee Police

Department and reinvestment into building healthy communities that can thrive. In accordance, \$50 million must be allocated to fund public health and \$25 million to housing cooperatives.

- The rights of protestors are respected and no harm comes to them: Governor Tony Evers must withdraw the National Guard from Milwaukee. Mayor Tom Barrett must end the 9 p.m. city-wide curfew. The Milwaukee Police Department must stop shooting rubber bullets and using teargas on protestors. City and County officials must release all arrested protestors, and revoke curfew fines and tickets.
- Justice for Joel Acevedo: Officer Mattioli must be immediately terminated from the Milwaukee Police Department for the [murder of Mr. Acevedo](#). In addition, the three named accomplices must also be held accountable by law and also brought to justice.
- FPC be the voice of the community: The Fire and Police Commission must remain the lead investigator on the internal investigation involving police officer Michael Mattioli. The Fire and Police Commission is an extension of the community; its role is to represent the interests of Milwaukee residents. Community voices must be given precedence in the six month review process of Police Chief Alfonso Morales.
- Accountability to the community: Common Council President Cavalier Johnson must immediately appoint community members to the [Community Collaborative Committee](#).

Instead of an Executive Order to Activate the National Guard, the Governor & County Executive Should Provide Safeguards to Black communities during COVID-19 pandemic.

- Housing: Implement a moratorium on evictions, foreclosures, rent, mortgages,

and utility disconnections for Milwaukee County residents through the end of 2020.

- Healthcare: Declaration of racism in the state of Wisconsin as a [public health crisis](#). Public and Private institutions must be [expanded to](#) ensure Milwaukee County residents have access to affordable healthcare.

It is imperative we continue to hold all public officials accountable to the community, especially in a time when our community's needs are greater than ever. Therefore, we demand every person in a position of power within our political system prioritize the lives of all residents.

Sincerely,

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