

Working Families Party: Statement on shooting of Jacob Blake

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In response to the shooting of Jacob Blake by Kenosha police, Working Families Party National Director Maurice Mitchell said:

“There is no justice for Jacob Blake, Trayford Pellerin, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, or any other Black victim of police violence. The conditions of their murders were never just — they’re part of a brutal, racist system that cannot be salvaged or reformed.”

“The only way to stop police violence is to defund the police and instead create, uplift and fund the community services that keep Black people safe, healthy and free. Elected leaders in Wisconsin need to do more than pay lip service to the idea that Black lives matter. They must follow the lead of local activists organizing to build new systems of public safety. There is no other way.”