



## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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Today's video release sadly closes neither the investigation nor certainly the very real wounds left by this incident. Our police officers are hardworking, professional and heroic, and I am grateful every second of every day for the work they do for all of us, but we must all recognize the fear many in our community feel, and we must take immediate concrete steps to address this fear.

1. The Council allocated money more than a year ago for body cameras for MNPDP Officers to provide clarity to our citizens and protections to our police officers and it's well beyond time those funds be used to purchase the camera units, and associated equipment and implement the program.
2. We must accelerate our work with the Policing Project to implement policies to increase collaboration between the community and our police. I applaud Mayor Briley for the work he's begun, am eager to see the fruits of his efforts, and pledge to support his efforts in any way I can.
3. Lastly, after hundreds of meetings and discussions with folks all over the city the last few months I have come to the thoughtful conclusion that we must seriously consider the need for new leadership at MNPDP. Grave concerns have been raised by numerous people within the department and throughout the community to me about whether Chief Anderson is the appropriate person to lead the Department going forward. This is not about the decades of dedicated and faithful services the Chief has provided to this Department and our City, far from it, but merely about the clear need for a leader unburdened by past decisions and history who can offer the thoughtful leadership and direction we need to move forward.

Sincerely,

Sheri Weiner  
President Pro Tem