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1E-2025-0303: RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE REINSTATEMENT OF OFFICERS CONVICTED IN THE DEATH OF KARON HYLTON-BROWN AND SUBSEQUENT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2020, Karon Hylton-Brown, a 20-year-old Black man, was fatally injured in a police pursuit by Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers in the Brightwood Park neighborhood, after being chased for a minor traffic violation (riding a moped without a helmet), culminating in his collision with a civilian vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Terence D. Sutton Jr., who engaged in the unauthorized chase, was convicted of second-degree murder, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and obstruction of justice, and Lieutenant Andrew Zabavsky was convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice and obstruction of justice for their roles in both the deadly pursuit and the deliberate effort to cover up the circumstances of Hylton-Brown's death; and

WHEREAS, The obstruction of justice charges stemmed from the officers' actions to mislead investigators and manipulate official reports, demonstrating a willful effort to evade accountability and obscure the truth from the public; and

WHEREAS, In January 2025, President Donald Trump pardoned both officers, nullifying their convictions despite overwhelming evidence presented in court of their misconduct, including their efforts to obstruct justice; and

WHEREAS, In February 2025, the Metropolitan Police Department reinstated both officers, a decision that not only disregards their role in Hylton-Brown's death but also their deliberate attempts to interfere with the justice system, eroding public trust in MPD's commitment to accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, Public confidence in law enforcement depends on the integrity of officers and the assurance that those who abuse their power—especially by actively obstructing investigations—will not be rewarded with reinstatement; and

WHEREAS, ANC 1E is within the boundaries of the Fourth District of MPD and this decision impacts ANC 1E constituents; and

WHEREAS, The reinstatement of officers convicted of obstruction of justice sends a dangerous message that MPD tolerates dishonesty and misconduct within its ranks, making it more difficult for residents to trust that police officers will uphold the law fairly and impartially; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we strongly condemn the reinstatement of Terence D. Sutton Jr. and Andrew Zabavsky and demands that MPD reverse this decision in the interest of public safety, justice, and accountability; further

BE IT RESOLVED, That we urge the D.C. Council and the Mayor's Office to review MPD's rehiring policies, particularly concerning officers convicted of obstruction of justice, to ensure that individuals who have actively worked to subvert legal investigations are not allowed to serve in law enforcement; further

BE IT RESOLVED, That we urge the DC Office Of Police Complaints to examine the rehiring practices of MPD with respect to officers previously convicted of obstruction of justice; further

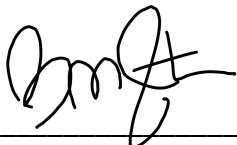
BE IT RESOLVED, That we on MPD Chief Pamela A. Smith and Mayor Muriel Bowser to hold a public forum with impacted community members to address the concerns arising from this decision and outline concrete steps to restore trust in MPD; further

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E designates Commissioner Josh Jacobson to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution. In the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, ANC 1E authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

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Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on March 26, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 6 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



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