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Nashville Metro At-Large Council Member Erica Gilmore Calls for Community Oversight Board and a Transparent and Thorough Investigation Into the Shooting Death of Mr. Daniel Hambrick

As a mother, citizen and public servant I am heartbroken to learn of the tragic death of Mr. Daniel Hambrick. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Hambrick's family, friends, and all who loved him during this difficult time.

Now more than ever the Nashville Metropolitan Government needs to create a community oversight board to establish community confidence, build and foster bridges between law enforcement and the communities they serve and protect, and to offer an independent review process.

In addition, the COB would address concerns about Nashville Metropolitan Police Department operations, practices, and activities as well as bring an additional perspective to the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department decision-making process and ensure a balance between community concerns, public safety, and civil rights.

Just as in times past, I will vote in favor of legislation that establishes a community oversight board.

Police involved shootings are matters of grave concern given the potential effect on our city residents, communities, and law enforcement. I call for a transparent, and thorough investigation into the death of Mr. Daniel Hambrick conducted in a timely manner.

The adoption of a COB and fully implemented body worn camera program restore public trust, ensure increased transparency and accountability; in addition to providing officer oversight and training.

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