



National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Queen City Metropolitan Chapter (QCMC)

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Dear Community:

I am Gloria Kelley, President of the Queen City Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Our members reside in the Charlotte Metropolitan Region. We are one of 63 chapters across the country, representing thousands of Black women and girls. NCBW is an advocacy organization seeking equity and leadership development on behalf of Black women and girls in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment. While these are our focus area, we are cognizant and acutely aware of issues that directly impact our community. In this case and in our larger community; the world, the issue of the day is the continued acts of negative police engagement against Black men.

Regrettably, today we join our neighbors, families, friends, colleagues, faith houses and communities who too are saddened by the death of Mr. Lamont Keith Scott, another Black man gone too soon resulting from an interaction with the police. On behalf of our members, we extend our sincerest sympathies and pledge to support his family now and in the days yet to come.

We understand the emotional upset of Mr. Scott's family, Charlotte residents and citizens worldwide at this time. As mothers, wives, grandmothers, aunts, daughters, sisters and more, we share their thoughts of complete intolerance at undue acts of violence and ongoing unexplained deadly interactions between the police and Black men. We want answers in this case and we want to see the development and practice of non-violent, culturally competent alternatives in community policing when conflict arises.

Furthermore, an awakening has occurred in our community from this tragedy and it is time for a local and national change. We have observed, and are proud of, the peaceful civil demonstrations that are occurring among our students and citizens. Equally, we denounce any planned or random acts of violence. In those instances we urge persons to stop immediately and seek peaceful resolution.

Finally, amidst this time of pain and confusion, the members of the Queen City Metropolitan Chapter commit to work within our community to find the right path to go forward together and seek the truth.

Together for a Better Tomorrow in Charlotte,

Gloria Kelley

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