

## Blake, Cumah (GOV)

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**From:** Zakula, Linden (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** GMD; Smith, Tina (GOV); Tincher, Jaime (GOV); Hume, Bob (GOV); Hardy, Shawntera (GOV); Swenson, Matt (GOV); Piper, Emily (GOV); Dornfeld, Joanna (GOV); Maes, Jennie (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Council Message

2nd suspect arrested: <http://www.startribune.com/police-searching-for-suspects-who-fired-into-crowd-at-blm-protest-outside-4th-precinct/353154811>

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 24, 2015, at 11:56 AM, Zakula, Linden (GOV) <Linden.Zakula@[REDACTED]> wrote:

Draft Statement from the City Council that Spencer Cronk sent along. They are running it through DOJ (Meg G.)

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**Subject:** DRAFT: Council Message

FYI - Draft of Council Message: If you have thoughts on content (especially a conclusion), let me know before 12:30pm.

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Last night, five protesters were shot in our city. This follows nine days of demonstrations outside the Fourth Precinct in response to the death of Jamar Clark, a young black man who died after being shot by a Minneapolis police officer. We mourn the loss of his life just as we would mourn the loss of any other life in our community.

The City's first priority is public safety. This guides decision-making by Mayor Hodges and Police Chief Harteau who are responsible for ensuring the safety of all the people of Minneapolis. We thank them for their work to protect all people in our city, including those involved in the demonstrations. We understand that many of our residents, especially those who identify with the Black Lives Matter movement, perceive the recent events in Minneapolis as part of a nationwide discussion on police

accountability and its impact on the African American community. We acknowledge this is an important national dialogue and we are here to listen to the concerns of those working on these issues.

The right to peacefully protest is an essential expression of our constitutional right to free speech. We fully support lawful protests that do not cause injury to anyone. We thank the vast majority of those who have assembled for their commitment to ensuring peace and safety. We thank and support our officers who have been working to ensure that our community is safe for everyone. We also thank Mayor Hodges for responding so swiftly to community calls for an independent, federal investigation.

As a City Council, we come from diverse backgrounds and bring a range of perspectives to our work which reflects the various views of the communities we each represent. While we may not agree on everything, we are united in addressing the racial inequities that hold back our city. We support thorough and transparent state and federal investigations of this case. We agree on the need to examine our policing and criminal justice system, as part of our larger goal to close the racial equity gaps in Minneapolis.

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