

Governor Tim Walz  
130 State Capitol  
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

We, the undersigned local elected officials, write to request that you heed the call from George Floyd's family and appoint Attorney General Keith Ellison as Special Prosecutor.

In the events that have unfolded in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, we do not believe County Attorney Mike Freeman has demonstrated he has the public trust necessary to achieve justice for George Floyd, his family, or our communities. His press conference on May 28th lacked transparency and accountability, moving us further away from the clarity needed in this moment. His delay in pressing charges has resulted in more grief and strife in our community—particularly for Black residents who are experiencing and coping with the ongoing assault on Black lives in our communities and across the country.

Given the present circumstances and the national implications of this case, the Attorney General is the most qualified prosecutor in our state to bring justice for George Floyd. His office has established a ground-breaking Working Group on Police-Involved Deadly Force Encounters and is best suited to try the officers involved in George Floyd's murder.

We ask that you act swiftly and use your authority to appoint Attorney General Ellison as Special Prosecutor.

Signed,

Council Member Steve Fletcher, City of Minneapolis Ward 3  
Council Member Phillipe Cunningham, City of Minneapolis Ward 4  
Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, City of Minneapolis Ward 5  
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