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residents' association

The People-Powered Voice for a Better Community



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Mayor Kenney and the Members of City Council:

In the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, the Center City Residents' Association (CCRA) agrees with Councilmember Johnson's June 8th letter, signed by 13 other Councilmembers, which asserts that "*police reform cannot wait*" and that the City must "*act decisively.*" We also support Mayor Kenney's June 9th agenda for police reform and his commitment to "*seize this moment*" and "*move quickly, because too many lives are being lost.*" Both documents are laudable. However, because "*police reform cannot wait,*" because now is the time to "*move quickly,*" **CCRA implores the Administration and Council to immediately call upon the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police to renegotiate its contract** so that these necessary reforms can be realized. And because "*police reform cannot wait,*" because now is the time to "*move quickly,*" **CCRA implores Council to do three things: (1) swiftly draft bills necessary to implement the proposals already endorsed by a great majority of Council and the Mayor; (2) promptly hold public hearings on the proposed new laws; and (3) convene no later than August to enact the necessary legislation.**

In keeping with the urgency of the moment, we look forward to a speedy response.

Sincerely,

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