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## MEDIA RELEASE

## **Community to Share Reactions to Department of Justice Announcement**

Representatives of police accountability organizations will share our reactions to the long-awaited announcement by the US Department of Justice on the results of their investigation into the Minneapolis Police Department and the likely announcement of consent decree with the city.

"Our organization made sure that the community participated significantly in the investigation. We submitted over 2300 written testimonies from members of the public on their experiences with the Minneapolis Police Department. We also brought forward people living with disabilities as well as unsheltered homeless people to be interviewed by the DOJ about their experiences with MPD," stated Michelle Gross, CUAPB President. She added, "We have done all we can to keep the community at the table throughout this process."

WHAT: Community Press Conference to React to DOJ Announcement

WHEN: Friday, June 16, 2023

15 Minutes After the DOJ Press Conference

WHERE: Lobby of Minneapolis City Hall (4th Street side)

Directly across 4th Street from the Federal Court Building

The DOJ investigation and anticipated consent decree is the culmination of years of efforts by the community to address the racist, violent culture of the Minneapolis Police Department. The determination of whether this process produces the desired outcome will depend on the community's continued engagement and oversight.

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Organizations hosting this press conference: Black Lives Matter Twin Cities Metro, Black Lives Matter Minnesota, CAIR-Minnesota, Communities United Against Police Brutality, Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence, Racial Justice Network, Twin Cities Coalition for Justice 4 Jamar, Wayfinder Foundation, and others.