



## **Resolution Supporting Black Lives Matter's Demands for Accountability from the Minneapolis Police Department in the Homicide of Jamar Clark and Its Inequitable and Unjust Treatment of Communities of Color**

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To the following officials for the City of Minneapolis:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Janeé Harteau, Chief of Police

Barbara Johnson, City Council President

Honorable Loretta E. Lynch, Attorney General of the United States

WHEREAS, Jamar Clark, a 24-year-old African American man from Minneapolis, was killed on Sunday, November 15, 2015 by members of the Minneapolis police at the intersection of James and Plymouth Avenues North.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has not released the videos it has in its possession<sup>1</sup> regarding Jamar Clark's homicide<sup>2</sup>.

WHEREAS, over 1,000 individuals have been killed by police in the United States so far in 2015; among those who are unarmed, African Americans are nearly twice as likely to be killed by the police as White Americans<sup>3</sup>. Moreover, African Americans are more likely to serve longer sentences than White Americans for the same offense<sup>4</sup>. And although African Americans makeup 13.2% of the population<sup>5</sup>, African Americans now constitute nearly 1 million of the total 2.3 million incarcerated population (43.5%) and represent 26% of juvenile arrests, 44% of youth detainments, 46% of the youth who are judicially waived to criminal court, and 58% of the youth admitted to state prisons<sup>6</sup>.

WHEREAS, people of color are disproportionately targeted for arrests in the City of Minneapolis compared to those who are White<sup>7</sup>.

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis and Saint Paul metropolitan areas have some of the worst racial disparities in education, housing, employment, and poverty in the United States<sup>8</sup>.

WHEREAS, Augsburg College and its students are a part of the Minneapolis community and have been affected by the homicide of Jamar Clark, lack of police accountability, and structural racism targeting and harming communities of color.

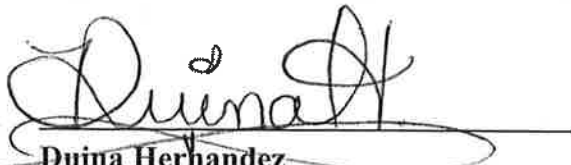
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Augsburg College Day Student Government on behalf of the Day Student Body:

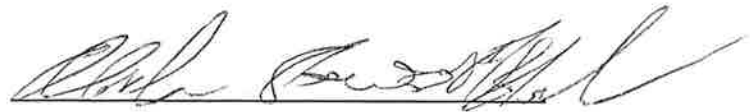


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1. Support Black Lives Matter's demands for accountability in the aftermath of the homicide of Jamar Clark for the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Police Department to:
  - a. Release the footage from the incident.
  - b. Provide community oversight of the police with full disciplinary power.
  - c. Require that officers live in the communities in which they serve.
2. Demand the media cover all points of view including witness and community testimonies, not just the police's point of view.
3. Demand that the U.S. Department of Justice independently investigate this matter.
4. Are in solidarity with the communities affected by this blatant act of violence committed by members of the Minneapolis Police Department.
5. Demand that the officers be held accountable for their actions in order to ensure justice prevails, with respect for due process for all involved.

Approved on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

  
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President  
Augsburg Day Student Government

  
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Chairperson, Resolutions Committee  
Junior Class Senator

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