

Police Advisory Board Statement

In the wake of the Louisville, Kentucky grand jury decision not to charge the police officers who killed Breonna Taylor, many in our community are feeling a deep sense of disappointment, abandonment, and desperation to create change. While the recent protests and civil unrest have been outward signs of the underlying problem, this is not a problem that is new to our community. Despite the efforts of community leaders and the Raleigh Police Department, we have been battling a divided community for many years.

This Board was created, in part, to gain a deeper understanding of the police department's policies and the role they may play in the inequities and injustices that have made it challenging to develop and maintain positive relationships between RPD and many of the underrepresented populations within our community. While we cannot undo any of the tragic events that have caused pain to so many, we will work diligently to identify and advise the City Council of areas for improvement.

The work of this Board will be intentional and reflective of our desire to create more transparency and understanding around the policies that guide policing in our community, ensure that policies are applied equitably and justly, and to avoid tragic events, like the death of Breonna Taylor, from happening in our city.

We invite you to join us for our monthly public meetings as we begin this important work.