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Commissioner Danielle Outlaw
Philadelphia Police Department
750 Race Street
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Dear Commissioner Outlaw,

The Center City Residents' Association (CCRA) understands that the Philadelphia Police Department is engaged in planning for the potential public reaction to the Derrick Chauvin verdict, regardless of what it eventually is. We hope that we can be of some help.

CCRA fully respects the right of people to gather peacefully. However, everyone wants to avoid a repeat of the unrest which followed George Floyd's tragic murder last June, when looters ransacked hundreds of Center City businesses and three buildings in the 1700 block of Walnut Street were set on fire. The destruction resulted in the nearly wholesale abandonment of Center City for months; we are still struggling to reclaim our former vibrancy.

Whatever the outcome of the case, we all know the possibility of things getting out of control is real. Prior to last year's incidents, the Philadelphia Police Department had a time-tested manner of dealing with such situations, which employed hundreds of bicycle officers, mounted police and foot patrols. We urge a return to these peaceful strategies.

As protests continued into June, CCRA established a good working relationship with the 9th District, receiving up to the minute information about where and when protests were forecast in the neighborhood. As the people powered voice of Center City West, we were able to communicate this information to our members in real time. **We would like to continue serving in this communication role and help in any other way that you may find useful. As plans are developed, please do not hesitate to contact me if you think we can help.**

Regards,

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