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A percussionist from the DSO performing on the timpani. Brilliant Detroit will be sponsoring a community event with the Detroit Symphony in July. Image courtesy of Jim West

Brilliant Detroit Plans a Summer of Family Fun Windee Brown | Contributing Writer

Detroit — First a big thank you for all your support in participating and sharing all of Brilliant Detroit's programs and events. As Community Engagement Coordinator for Brilliant Detroit's MorningSide site and an active member of the community, I'm so proud to be a part of MorningSide and Brilliant Detroit. We are all so excited for Brilliant Detroit's spring and summer kickoff of programs and events in our Eastside communities.

We're inviting MorningSide residents to help us create a design for our outdoor space at the new Brilliant Detroit site at 5048 Balfour. In partnership with the Detroit Collaborative Design Center, Brilliant Detroit is throwing a "Design Party" on Tuesday, May 18 from 3-7 p.m. Put on your creative "thinking caps" because you can be a builder, an architect, or a landscape/playscape developer for the evening, working with a great team of DCDC designers.

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Cleanup at 4800 Bedford Gets Results Without Volunteers Lifting a Finger

Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider



A private crew cleaning up 4800 Bedford. Image courtesy of Nicolas Hall

4800 Bedford is a long-vacant property that has attracted a considerable amount of dumping over the years. At the corner of Bedford and Cornwall, it's a conspicuous spot that neighbors have wanted to see cleaned up.

So, bright and early on a Saturday morning in late April, over 25 community members volunteered to clean up the site.

When we all arrived at the property, to our puzzlement and surprise, a crew of 5 was already there, cleaning up the vacant property. And these were not any of our community volunteers.

We soon found out the owner of 4800 Bedford had gotten wind of our cleanup and felt pressure to get ahead of our event. The owner hired a crew after hearing about our event, which we had promoted heavily online and offline. Behold the power of putting someone on blast! Without lifting a finger, neighbors got legitimate results on a problem property.

With nothing to do at 4800 Bedford, volunteers walked down the street to 4890 Bedford — another blighted, vacant property — to take care of the dumping and trash in front of that house. Our trash picker-uppers really came in handy here, and we were able to get the property in shape within an hour. Following that, a handful of energetic volunteers went to a third spot — Balfour and Warren to clean up the alley behind the Tool Library.

Thanks to everyone who came out. A special thank you goes to the Three Mile and Bedford block clubs. And a big shout out to Motor City Grounds Crew for hauling the trash. Our next cleanup is May 22, location to be determined. Have a suggestion? Please email us at email us at <u>morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com</u>.

Nicolas Hall, At-Large MCO board member, works for the Blue Oval Company and loves to ride his bike throughout Morningside.

MECCA's Imagination Library Looks to the Future

Latisha Johnson | MECCA Development Corporation

Nearly a year ago friend and neighbor, Ron Otto, reached out to me to express his interest in partnering with MECCA to create a local affiliate of the *Dolly Parton Imagination Library*; a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. The goal is to expand the child's imagination. How could we turn down an opportunity to improve literacy rates? We couldn't and didn't.

We started looking into the requirements - sign up children in the area, host fun reading activities with families and pay for the books because literacy is not a luxury. We're expecting to pay roughly \$5000 for books in our first year, alone. By the fifth year, it's expected to cost MECCA \$40,000. We're here for it because that means we'll give the gift of reading to so many of our neighborhood's children. I'm happy to share that we've received a grant to cover the costs for the first year. Now we're looking to prepare for future years. We need your help.

MECCA's Youth Committee Chair, Baraka Johnson, has organized a cell phone recycling fundraiser. If you have an old cell phone laying around the house that you want to get rid of you can drop it/them off at one of three neighborhood businesses - AAA Laundromat, Detroit Pepper Company or BikeTech. If you'd prefer to have the phone(s) picked up, text the word 'CELLPHONE' to (**313**) **423-8149**. The fundraiser will run through **June 30th**.

If you'd like to sign your child up for the Imagination Library, go to <u>meccadc.org/imagination-library</u>

Children enjoying a Dr. Seuss classic, The Cat in the Hat. Image courtesy of Jim West

Latisha Johnson, Founder & Chair, MECCA Development Corporation

Let's Talk Trash

Bulk trash pickups now include yard waste as well. Remember that GFL won't pick up large piles of loose tree branches. They need to be tied up into 4-foot bundles. They also won't pick up garbage bags sitting on the curb. The next three bulk and yard waste pick-ups are:

• May 13th, May 27th, & June 10th

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They will help us design our new community outdoor playscape and gathering place for youth and families. We'll be building models using recycled materials to share all the great ideas. Remember Legos? This will be an in-person but safe and socially distanced event.

BD Morningside and Park will also come together with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to host a Community Concert and Jam Session on July 10th at Noon at Chandler Park. Community members are asked to bring their kids, masks, and even their instruments to learn about music and experience the boogie.

We are also on the lookout for any members of the community that have an interest in gardening. MorningSide has started a gardening team that will pick the location and seeds to awaken the five senses of the MorningSide community by starting a pocket and/or conversation garden.

While we're at it, it's time to get fit and kick these quarantine blues with a little Yoga, Zumba, and Family Hustle for our families who want to have some fun while getting physically fit! It's open to all ages.

During the spring and summer months, we will also be partnering with Center for Success and Springboard, to offer free tutoring to all Morningside families. This is open to all our little community members ranging from age 5 to 8.

Programs for the spring and summer months will be mostly virtual with a few socially distant face-to-face events. I would like to share our link tree account,

https://linktr.ee/Morningsidebd, which will take you directly to all event sign-ups and registrations. For quick access to all the upcoming fun, click on this link and check out our <u>Morningside Calendar</u>.

We are excited that The Brilliant Detroit MorningSide Hub has come a long way, with 75% of renovations completed; we are looking to have it fully furnished in June and will host a grand open house as soon as it's ready. Stay tuned for details. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us! We are so grateful for all of you and excited to be in the community together.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me any time at <u>wbrown@brilliantdetroit.org</u> or (313) 528-7217.

Windee Brown, Community Engagement Coordinator for Brilliant Detroit



The interior of the Brilliant Detroit house in MorningSide will receive a complete renovation. Image courtesy of Zak Bratto

Calling All Gardeners and Keepers of the Earth!

Monique Tate | Contributing Writer

Grassroots Garden, one of MorningSide's gems, is gearing up for another season of fresh vegetables and flowers. If you want to contribute or grow as a gardener and lend a helping hand, Monique Tate wants to hear from you.

She needs volunteers to help with all aspects of gardening and property maintenance. There are also plots available to those who want to create a beautiful and productive space. This is a great way to help the community, meet some new neighbors, and enjoy fresh nutritious vegetables all summer!



Another gardening season will soon be underway at the Grassroots Garden. Image courtesy of Jim West

You can contact Monique at

growingmorningside@gmail.com, or call or text her at (313) 282-1760.

Monique Tate, is a Morningside resident, devoted community activist, leader, and consultant, for over 25 years. Monique's passions are dedicated to uplifting the community, strengthening pathways to education in technology, and in community organizing to bring about Digital Justice in Detroit and beyond. She's still new at gardening but loves it!

Here's How You Can Boost Your Voting Power

Nancy Brigham | Contributing Writer

For the first time ever, MorningSide – and you! – can have more clout in our state and federal elections by giving direct input into how our voting districts are shaped. Never before have we had any say over the redistricting that happens every ten years.

Why does that matter? If our neighborhood and communities are split into different districts, then our political influence is also splintered, and it will be much harder to get politicians to pay attention to us.

MorningSide was split up

For example, for at least ten years MorningSide has been split into two state House districts, which means that with each State Representative, we have only half the power we could have. When it comes to the U.S. Congress, our 14th District has twisted all the way up to Pontiac. That made it hard for people in any one place to get our Rep's attention. And that was just fine with politicians who drew those district lines statewide to keep themselves in power.



The current map of the 14th District. Image courtesy of the City of Detroit

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Will Justice Truly Be Served?

Susan Newell | The Morningsider

Derek Chauvin's defiant expression as he murdered George Floyd is an image that will haunt us forever. But another image, one of his accomplices standing by, ignoring all that was happening a few feet away, is also disturbing.

Millions breathed a sigh of relief when the guilty verdicts were announced in Chauvin's trial. But we won't know if justice was really served until his three accomplices – former officers Thomas Lane, J. Alexander Kueng, and Tou Thao - face trial in August. In one sense, that trial will be even more significant than Chauvin's, for that's when "the blue wall of silence" will be judged. Will the culture of policing transform enough to make a "duty to intervene" the standard going forward? We will see.

To the One Standing Guard

I've seen that blank look before, elevator-face standing-in-line face waiting-for-bus face

your eyes fixed on a distant point empty, blind to the crowd, the recordings, your eyes no more than exit wounds leaking your soul.

Are your ears full of a light hearted tune you heard on the radio this morning as you put on your badge, came to work?

To see and hear now, to act would make you a pariah.

Better to avert your gaze, turn up the music in your head blocking out the cries, the deafening silence nine minutes later when one life is ended,

yours destroyed.

Protesters standing united during the Black Lives Matter movement during Summer 2020. Image courtesy of Jim West

Susan Newell, retired nurse and resident of MorningSide since 1984. Serves as the Associate Editor of The Morningsider

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Power was shifted to voters

But this year it's a whole new ballgame, thanks to the Proposition 2 overhaul that voters approved in 2018. An impartial Commission of voters – 4 Democrats, 4 Republicans and 5 independents -- is now drawing up new voting districts for the state Senate, House and U.S. Congress. None are politicians, and they have to follow strict guidelines.

The design of each district must be:

- 1.compact,
- 2.respect city and county boundaries as much as feasible, and
- 3.give no advantage to any party or candidate.

And here's where we come in – the Michigan Constitution says that the design of each district has to respect people's "communities of interest." The Commission wants citizens to submit rough maps showing the "communities" that we hold near and dear, and give our input to hearings to be held in Detroit June 15 and 17.

But what does "community of interest" mean? For starters, MorningSide is a single community with common interests. What else? What other groups do we identify with and care about, and where are they? Where do we work and send our kids to school, and where are our religious congregations and social groups? The idea is to keep those communities together, so we can unite over services, environmental quality, tax rates, transportation or whatever else we value. If parents of your child's school are in the same voting district, for example, you have more influence over the laws and regulations that affect that schooling.

So how do we do this? We need your input!

There are several ways you can make your voice heard. The commission will host socially-distanced in-person hearings in Detroit at two locations:

- 1. Tuesday, June 15 at 6 p.m. at Fellowship Chapel, 7707 W. Outer Dr. (Doors open at 5 p.m.)
- 2. Thursday, June 17 at 6 p.m. at the TCF Center downtown. (Doors open at 4 p.m.)

The public hearings will be live-streamed at <u>YouTube.com/MichSOSOIce</u>.

You can also provide input to the commission through their online public comment tool at <u>www.michigan-mapping.org</u> or by emailing them at <u>Redistricing@Michigan.gov</u>.

Nancy Brigham, East English Village Resident *Article was featured in May edition of EEV Neighborhood Newsletter

Give A Smile, Get A Smile

The purpose of *Give A Smile, Get A Smile,* is to brighten your day some as we currently navigate through these trying times we all are experiencing.

Whether it's a motivational quote, a funny video clip, of even a few words of encouragement, Give A Smile, Get A Smile will do just that!

This months *Give A Smile*, *Get A Smile* features a video clip of a baby trying to escape from his car seat. The clip is courtesy of Tik Tok personality *Beleaf N' Family*. Enjoy everyone!

https://www.tiktok.com/@beleafinfatherhood/video/69569 45849029053701



Image courtesy of Beleaf N' Family

Affordable Housing Agency Brings Hope To Eastsiders

Eric Dueweke | Contributing Writer

While we all slowly rebound during these pandemic times, there might not be a more appropriately named nonprofit organization than U-SNAP-BAC. Since 2005, United Streets Networking And Planning —Building A Community has been located at the corner of East Warren and Alter Road at the western edge of MorningSide.

Started by a collective of eastside block clubs and neighborhood associations in 1985 to attract home repair grants, U-SNAP-BAC has grown into a developer of affordable housing whose success is recognized in state and national circles. Its first major development, Morningside Commons, consisting of 40 single-family homes on Wayburn Street, welcomed new residents to MorningSide in May of 1998. Even more affordable were the 64 townhouse units built along Alter and Wayburn in 2003. Later developments included 27 single-family homes on Wayburn south of E. Warren, a tot lot near Mack Avenue and a passive park at the corner of Waveney and Alter.



One of the 64 townhomes built along Alter and Wayburn on the western end of MorningSide. Image courtesy of Eric Dueweke

Leaders of MorningSide and U-SNAP-BAC worked together to bring Habitat for Humanity-Detroit to our neighborhood in 2006 and over the following decade HFHD constructed an additional 100 homes. The resulting total of over 230 units provided MorningSide with more new affordable housing than any other Detroit neighborhood has gained during the past quarter-century. According to longtime Executive Director Linda Smith, U-SNAP-BAC has also facilitated over 500 home repair grants across Detroit during its existence. (Smith noted that home repair funding sources do not allow the agency to limit grants to a specific neighborhood.)



The home of U-SNAP BAC. Image courtesy of Eric Dueweke

As a recognized community development corporation, U-SNAP-BAC is often approached to partner with other nonprofit and for-profit businesses. The agency even acquired its current home through a partnership with Bank One when the bank decided to close their E. Warren branch. Other examples of successful collaborations include working with DTE Energy to build the MorningSide Gateway Park, assisting Southwest Housing Solutions on developing townhouses along Ashland Street/Alter Road and helping Huntington Bank open a new branch at Mack and Alter. In 2007, USB assumed ownership of Lakewood Manor, a 30-unit building that offers permanent supportive housing in the Jefferson-Chalmers community.

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Several exciting new efforts are on the horizon for 2021. Mayor Mike Duggan announced on May 6 that U-SNAP-BAC will be one of six agencies coming together to form the Detroit Housing Network, a program that aims to increase housing stability and affordable home ownership. DHN host organizations will offer services including financial counseling, utility assistance, home repair help and property tax foreclosure prevention. The initial focus of the DHN will be resources for homeowners but will later expand to serve renters. Residents will be able to apply for help through a central online portal at https://detroithousingnetwork.org/, however the launch date for the online enrollment is TBA. Until then, folks can call the U-SNAP-BAC office at (313) 640-1100 to make an appointment for an office visit.

One service that's a U-SNAP-BAC specialty is homebuyer counseling. Despite the pandemic, homebuyer ed classes are more popular than ever, with over 300 Detroiters participating just since January. Most are looking to buy a home within the city. Another popular service is helping people apply for the 0% Interest Home Repair Loan program. The most requested assistance continues to be for owner-occupied home repair grants, for which very little funding is available. "When we started in 1987, the biggest need was for home repair dollars and that is still the biggest need today," said Ms. Smith.

Currently the office is restricting walk-in clients and asks that people call to make an appointment. Business hours are 9-5 Monday thru Thursday and by appointment on Fridays. When you call (313) 640-1100, you'll likely be greeted by our Bedford street neighbor Jawana Jackson. MorningSiders are truly blessed to have a citywide housing resource center located in our community.

Eric Dueweke, a 30-year resident of MorningSide and an active member of U- SNAP BAC for 25 years.



The Detroit Housing Network will soon begin offering services to Homeowners, Renters, and perspective home buyers. Image courtesy of Detroit Housing Network

Upcoming Events

Motor City Makeover 365 for District 4 is on Saturday, May 22! More info at: <u>https://detroitmi.gov/departments/department-neighborhoods/motor-city-make-over</u>

City of Detroit Youth Summer Employment Opportunities for Detroit youth age 14-24 Registration has been extended to **Saturday, May 15**. To apply: <u>https://gdyt.org/</u>

After the Cap & Gown sponsored by the Eastside Community Network Every other Thursday at 6 PM. This month's meetings are May 13th and 27th. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105342496</u>

City of Detroit Pathways to Homeownership Meeting for District 4 Tuesday, May 18th, 5-6:30 PM on Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/388653832</u>.Meeting ID: 388 653 8832

Inside Out Literary Arts BrainStorm Summer Arts Institute

FREE week-long virtual camp for 7th-9th graders focusing on creative writing & critical thinking through the lens of Detroit History – July 12-16 from Noon to 4:30 PM. Register by May 22nd at <u>insideoutdetroit.org/brainstorm/</u>

Brilliant Detroit Virtual Literacy Tutoring

Brilliant Detroit and The Center for Success are partnering to provide tutoring for grade level reading remotely twice a week. For more information and registration: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU98bQQahiFrJgNE_EUjSxFVpYx9h23u49Z3ijzQ7SZc3beg</u> /viewform

Gleaner's Food Distribution

Food distributions are held on the **2nd** and **4th** Monday of every month at **11 a.m.** The next two distributions are on **May 24th** and **June 14th** in the rear parking lot of The Craft Cafe, **15641 E. Warren Ave**.

Accounting Aid Society Free Tax Preparation

Free assistance is available for income-eligible families and individuals. For more information, contact (313) 556-1920 or www.accountingaidsociety.org

Free Property Tax Assistance is available at: <u>https://detroitmi.gov/government/boards/property-assessment-board-review/homeowners-property-tax-assistance-program-hptap</u>

MorningSide General Community Meeting

Second Tuesday of every month via Zoom. Our next meeting will be held **May 11th at 6:30 p.m.** To dial in with your phone, use the following info: Dial number: **(301) 715-8592** / Meeting ID: **876 5627 5944** / Password: **824390**. To access the meeting via computer, please visit either <u>morningsidedetroit.org</u> or the Morningside Facebook page the day of the meeting.

2021 Detroit Police Department Virtual Community CompStat Meetings

The Detroit Police Department Virtual Community CompStat Meetings will be held monthly on the **4th Wednesday (April 27th)**, beginning at **4 p.m.** The meetings are open to the public. Use the following link to join the Community CompStat meeting: <u>https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/82793057842</u>

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5th Precinct Command/Community Update

The Zoom link for the 5th Precinct meeting is scheduled twice a month. For anyone who is interested in attending, please email MCO at <u>morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com</u> as we will provide you with the access link once we receive it.

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Each Thursday at 3 p.m.

By computer: Use the following link and follow prompts: <u>https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/397380647?</u> <u>pwd=S1kzVzU4RURFb2NBRGJIb1kwWVNjdz09</u> By phone: Call one of the these numbers: **1 (929) 436-2866, 1 (312) 626-6799 1 (346) 248-7799, 1 (301) 715-8592** Meeting ID: **397380647** and press ## The virtual meeting will use a form for public comments: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d26fa38cc5e94a018836d065000714ce

Eastside Community Network Updates

The ECN puts out a weekly newsletter filled with info about resources, opportunities, and events on the eastside. Click the link and scroll to the bottom to subscribe: <u>https://www.ecn-detroit.org/</u>

TALK TO US!

Letter to the Editor

So much valuable information here. Very comprehensive and beautifully produced. Wow.

- Mark Rutherford

Awesome work, very enlightening and a wealth of information.

- San Williams

Thank you!

- Cynthia Turner

Thank you!!

- Gabrielle Samuel

Send your comments to <u>morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com</u>. Letters edited as necessary for space and clarity, will be published each month.

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Moning Side's Finest

Rakisha Odom is a facilitator who brings it. As Community Engagement Manager for Brilliant Detroit, she brings every opportunity and resource she can to benefit MorningSide. Rakisha also serves on the MorningSide Brilliant Detroit Advisory Board. No matter what challenges she is facing personally. Rakisha honors all her commitments with ingenuity, style, and grace.

When a battered woman on Nottingham Road needed help quickly, Rakisha had a ready list of shelters and a \$500 assistance grant for her. She moves fast, always beaming, affectionate, and funny.

Rakisha is a regular presence at the monthly Gleaners food distribution as she assists her mother, Twiana Odom (1st Vice President of MCO) by providing a wide variety of items and services for the community, whether its food, diapers and formula for babies and free tutoring with laptops and internet hotspots for children. "For the last year we've distributed hundreds of baby bundles packed with diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, and formula. It's part of our "Brilliant Loves New Moms Campaign." We want families to know we are there and have so many resources to support them and baby - like breastfeeding support, "sister moms", and monthly community baby showers," says Odom.

Being of service and active in the community is something that is of importance for Rakisha and her family as she often has her daughters helping out. "I have two daughters, 15 and 22, and yes, they love to come and help out. I love meeting the community that way. It is an honor to serve, but it's also pretty fun getting to know my neighbors," says Odom.

Rakisha has played an instrumental role in the forthcoming MorningSide Brilliant Detroit house which is slated to open in June. Rakisha is what MorningSide's Finest is all about. Congrats Rakisha!



Rakisha Odom. Image courtesy of Rakisha Odom

Charon Nogues, At-Large board member of MCO, sits on the Advisory Board of Brilliant Detroit, and board member of the nonprofit, Friends of the Alger Theater

Hiring requirements need to change for police officers Isaiah McKinnon | Guest Columnist

Nearly a year after the world witnessed Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kneel on George Floyd's neck until he died, and about a week after Chauvin was found guilty of Floyd's murder, many are asking what's next.

In my decades of working in law enforcement, including as chief of police in Detroit, it's clear that we must focus on changing the reality of professional policing.

A significant portion of Americans do not trust police. Too many people live in communities that, because of systemic racism, are over-policed and under-protected; where police are often viewed as harmful rather than helpful. They may have seen or heard about excessive use of force by individual officers. Or they may be one of millions who, over the past few decades, have witnessed violent and brutal police interactions with unarmed citizens through viral videos from the assault on Rodney King in 1992 to Tamir Rice in 2014, George Floyd in 2020 or Ma'Khia Bryant and Andrew Brown, just this month.

I personally had every reason to distrust the police. When I was 14, four Detroit officers (known at the time as "the Big Four") beat me mercilessly when I was on my way home from school. I joined the Detroit police force a few years later, after serving in Vietnam, deter- mined to change the system. During the heat of the 1967 uprising, I barely escaped death when, at the end of an intense shift, two of my white colleagues in the DPD, pulled me over and shot at me — a fellow officer in uniform. There were no cameras to capture the assaults that I, and many others like me, survived.

Similar assaults continue nearly every day. According to the site <u>policeviolencereport.org</u>, in 2020 alone, police across the United States killed more than 1,000 people. Twenty-seven percent of those killed by police were Black, despite Black people making up 13% of the U.S. population. How can we change a system that seems so broken?

Here are a few ideas based upon my 55 years of experience in law enforcement and higher education:

Institute national standards for recruiting police, similar to what the FBI uses, so that regardless of where you are from, live or work, the hiring requirements, training and professional expectations are the same.

Require an educational component for all law enforcement employment, with the minimum being a two-year associate's degree for an entrylevel position, and a bachelor's degree by year five on the job. Recruitment and background investigations must be done by an outside professional agency with no ties to the respective city. This lessens the possibility of nepotism and ensures assessments are totally independent. Extend the probationary period of new officers to two years, so that they have more time to learn the basics of the job, and there is more time to evaluate their performance.

The actions of training officers must be continually observed. De-escalation and demilitarization should be emphasized continuously.

All supervisors, from front line to executives, must be held accountable for the actions of their officers. Example: All activity log sheets must be reviewed to determine stops, tickets and locations.

Every department must have access to mental health professionals to assist in responding to certain calls. And every department member should have a psychological evaluation once or twice yearly.

Officers should follow the lead of the Minneapolis Police Chief and speak out when witnessing another officer doing something wrong. It should be each officer's mandatory duty to stop any fellow officer from physically or verbally abusing citizens.

Excessive use of force investigations should be done by an outside, independent organization.

Community members should be involved in police oversight and police should be invested in the communities they are sworn to serve and protect.

Unions must become more active in helping ferret out the truth about unqualified or troublesome officers. They should review the dollars spent in defending rogue police and consider having convicted officers repay the unions for legal fees. If these acts of irresponsible management and policing are not reviewed and reforms implemented, the outcome will lead to more massive lawsuits.

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Finally, governments need to reconsider the practice and impact of qualified immunity, so that taxpayers are not responsible for pay- ing victim/survivor settlements of police officers who use this doctrine as a shield for their violent actions, while still protecting dedicated officers.

We have an opportunity to fundamentally change policing in America for the better. We shouldn't waste it.

Isaiah McKinnon is a retired Chief of Police of the Detroit Police Department, retired associate professor of education at University of Detroit Mercy and former Deputy Mayor for the City of Detroit.

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