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THE TRUMP TRAP AND THE BLMNY SOLUTION

The Activist, The Public, Nor the Police are happy with the state of policing in NYC. Due to the fact that it's a system that is fundamentally flawed.

We need a new vision for how we will encourage people to obey the law in the future. BLM greater New York has led the movement for the past four years. And we are calling on Mayor Bill DeBlasio and Jumane Williams to organize a commission to reimagine policing in our city. We agree to sit with community leaders, clergy, experts and the police to design a path forward.

Gov Cuomo has called for all local governments to reimagine their public safety needs, and design a new public safety department. We are in agreement with him.

Public safety responses require an array of professional services; such as but not limited to - mental health, substance abuse etc. not every call requires an arrest or a gun. Less than 10% of the NYPD's emergency calls are for violent felonies. New York City spends 10 billion a year and employs 35000 people in it's police department. They should develop a plan-working in a collaborative-and present it to the city council for passage. A plan must be created by next April or New York City should not receive funding from the state.

We are in the midst of a crisis, and now is the time to start. Leadership for all sides should step up now and work for a constructive solution. The time is now.

What looks like an Anarchy Jurisdiction to Donald Trump looks like a city where people have come together to call for a future that embodies Liberty Justice and Equity for all. New York City is on the precipice of a new age in policing will look like across the country.

The Presidents statements were, racist, divisive, intentionally misleading, and meant to invoke fear. However, the remedy to his style of politics is to present the public with truth and trust that Americans will finally fix the plague of racism that has been present since our inception. We must not fall into the Trump Trap.

Donald Trump is trying to scare Americans into voting for him. The majority of protests in New York have been peaceful and far from what the most conservative person of good conscience would describe as anarchy. The truth of the matter is that the most aggressive and violent people taking action in these protests are the police. The images of violence that are all over social media are the police violently arresting people who are engaging in civil disobedience. People who are literally standing on sidewalks with picket signs are being arrested.

It is our firm belief that Pat Lynch is encouraging the NYPD to make protests look more violent than they truly are so that it fits into the Trump Trap

The time is now for Mayor DeBlasio and the City Council to step up to the plate and make history with a community centered approach to public safety. Other States are implementing this strategy and now is the time for NYC to create a division of public safety that truly meets the needs of the people.

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

- 1 John 4:18 NIV

In Community,

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