



**City of Rochester, NY
Rochester City Council**

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**COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE
INTRODUCTORY NO.**

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Loretta C. Scott, President
Councilmember At-Large

March 11, 2021

Willie J. Lightfoot, Vice-President
Councilmember At-Large

Malik D. Evans
Councilmember At-Large

TO THE COUNCIL

Mitch Gruber
Councilmember At-Large

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Miguel Meléndez
Councilmember At-Large

LaShay D. Harris
Councilmember
South District

Re: Resolution Urging the
Administration to take
Immediate Disciplinary Action
in the Daniel Prude Matter

Mary Lupien
Councilmember
East District

Transmitted herewith for Council approval is a resolution urging the
Administration to take immediate disciplinary action in the Daniel Prude matter.

Michael A. Patterson
Councilmember
Northeast District

On February 23, 2021, the Grand Jury investigation into the Daniel Prude case
concluded with no criminal charges having been brought against any of the
officers.

Jose Peo
Councilmember
Northwest District

The City Council of Rochester is requesting that the City administration and City
Police Chief immediately and expeditiously move forward with the conclusion of
disciplinary action against the officers involved in the Prude incident and is
recommending disciplinary action up to and including termination of the officers
involved in that case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Resolution No.

Resolution urging the Administration to take immediate disciplinary action in the Daniel Prude matter

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 officers of the Rochester Police Department interacted with Daniel Prude;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of that interaction Daniel Prude was left with fatal injuries which ultimately resulted in his death on March 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the death certificate listed three causes of death with the primary cause being complications of asphyxia in the setting of physical restraint;

WHEREAS, internal disciplinary charges were commenced but not concluded, with the explanation being given that the Rochester Police Department was awaiting the outcome of the criminal charges;

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021 it was revealed that a Grand Jury investigation had concluded with no criminal charges having been brought against any of the officers;

WHEREAS, the Council has been advised by legal counsel that failure to indict the officers does not in any way preclude disciplinary action against the officers; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Rochester have now waited one year since the death of Daniel Prude and have yet to see anyone subjected to any ramifications for their actions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Rochester believes that the residents of this city have the right to see a conclusion to this matter and to see justice served; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Rochester demands that the City Administration and City Police Chief immediately and expeditiously move forward with the conclusion of disciplinary action against the officers involved in the Prude incident; and it is further

RESOLVED, that it is the recommendation of the Council of the City of Rochester that the disciplinary penalty of termination be considered and that the City Administration and City Police Chief provide in writing the anticipated timeline for conclusion of the charges for each of the officers involved in the initial incident; and it is further

RESOLVED, that, upon reaching a conclusion as to the disciplinary penalty for each officer, the Council of the City of Rochester expects the City Administration and City Police Chief to provide to Council an immediate written report of that conclusion and, if the conclusion is not termination, an explanation as to why termination was not chosen; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.