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## **Milwaukee leaders to participate on national panel for Reimagining Policing in American Cities hosted by the Obama Foundation and Cities United**

*Reggie Moore, Director of the city's Office of Violence Prevention and Devin Anderson of Wisconsin Voices will speak about reinvestment in comprehensive approaches to public safety in US cities.*

MILWAUKEE – After the recent killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, cities across the country have begun to examine the practices, policies, and investments in American policing. Residents have taken to the streets to demand action while elected leaders are grappling with solutions that increase public safety and police accountability. Shortly after protests erupted across the country, Barack Obama issued a challenge to city leaders across the country to engage residents in reviewing use of force policies to prevent actions that lead to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

According to the Obama Foundation website, “More than 1,000 people are killed by police every year in America, and black people are three times more likely to be killed than white people. We can take steps and make reforms to combat police violence and systemic racism within law enforcement. Together, we can work to redefine public safety so that it recognizes the humanity and dignity of every person.”

The virtual panel will take place Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 1:00pm-2:15pm EDT and will be moderated by Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the Obama Foundation. Other panelists will include Shari Davis of the Participatory Budgeting Project and Mayor Michael Tubbs of Stockton, CA. Participation is by invite-only for Mayor's and City Council members across the country.

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