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RE: LONG MARCH TO TRENTON FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, & ECONOMIC PROGRESS

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THE LONG MARCH FOR JUSTICE: March To Trenton For Police Accountability, Social Justice, And Economic Progress will take place on Friday, October 8th, 2021. The march is being called by People's Organization For Progress.

It will start 11:00am at the intersection of Church Street and Bloomfield Avenue in Montclair, New Jersey.

The march route is approximately 67 miles long and will wind its way through 22 towns and cities. The march is expected to end 1:00pm, Saturday, October 16th, at the State House in Trenton, New Jersey. **Sponsored by: People's Organization For Progress. Co-sponsored by Newark communities For Accountable Policing, Black Lives Matter of N.J , Black Lives Matter Patterson, Atlantic City Chapter of National Action Network, Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition, Our Revolution of Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign, Salvation and Social Justice, Latino Action Network, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey,(ACLU N.J), Showing Up for Racial Justice New Jersey (SURJ-NJ, Northern New Jersey Jewish Voice For Peace, New Jersey Peace Action, Equal Rights, Equal Rights and Justice Radio Show (on WBAI Radio 99.5FM. New Brunswick Area Branch NAACP, and Block the Boat NY NJ.**

Atlantic City Chapter of the National Action Network-President Brother Steven L. Young will be marching the entire march route step by step with our Brother Larry Hamm and others.

"We are walking from Montclair to Trenton to highlight the issue of police brutality and to demand the NJ Legislature pass legislation to hold police accountable," stated Lawrence

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Hamm, Chairman, People's Organization For Progress, who with Brother Steven L. Young of NANSJ will attempt to walk the entire distance.

"First and foremost, we demand passage of A4656/S2963, the police review boards with subpoena power bill," Hamm said. There are other police related initiatives that POP wants to highlight and support during the march.

These include a bill to make officer disciplinary records public (S2656); a bill banning and criminalizing chokeholds (S2617); a bill establishing requirements for use of deadly force (A4526/S3825); and a bill ending qualified immunity in New Jersey (A4578/3730).

The group is also demanding that Governor Murphy veto a bill that would allow police to view bodycam footage before issuing their reports (S3939). "At the national level we are calling for the passage of HR 1280, the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act," he said.

This bill passed by the House of Representatives would create a nationwide data base for police misconduct; require racial profiling training of officers; create nationwide standards for police use of force; eliminate no knock warrants; ban the use of chokeholds; and eliminate qualified immunity for police. "We are also marching for racial, social and economic justice. We demand that African-Americans receive reparations for slavery in the United States," Hamm said. POP is demanding the passage of A711/S322 by the NJ Legislature and HR40/S40 by Congress. These bills would create reparations study commissions at the state and national levels. "We are marching against all forms of voter suppression. We demand passage of voting rights legislation including the For The People Act (HR 1) and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (HR 4)," he said. "Once again we are calling for abolition of the Senate filibuster rule which we believe is the prerequisite to the passage of the voting rights bills," Hamm said. "We are also marching for economic justice. We demand passage of a \$15 federal minimum wage and the passage of the PRO Act to facilitate worker unionization," he stated. POP invites those who support the mission and objectives of the march to participate. Each individual can determine for themselves how far they want to walk.

National Action Network (NAN) is one of the leading civil rights organizations in the nation, with numerous local chapters around the country. NAN works within the spirit and tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to promote a modern civil rights agenda that includes one standard of just and decency for all people regardless of race, social justice for communities, and the improvement of race relations. Since Reverend, Al Sharpton founded NAN in 1991, over 30 years ago, NAN has served as a megaphone for the voiceless and an advocate for those in need. NAN has taken on issues relating to voter registration, education, decency, economic-social justice and police misconduct.

The National Action Network South Jersey Chapter has been established to continue to assist members locally under the leadership of Activist Steven L. Young. To become part of a historical legacy of civil rights activists as were members of Martin Luther King's movement that will be solely responsible for making positive changes in the way we live.

We are thankful and excited to march with our Brother Larry Hamm and the Peoples Organization for Progress and other coalition partners.

The group is soliciting volunteers and additional organizational co-sponsors for the march. For more information call the People's Organization For Progress (POP) at [\(973\) 801-0001](tel:9738010001) or NANSJ-888-400-1236

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