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Statement from the Maria Mandela Vismale for City Council Campaign

Baltimore, MD – June 2020 – As an African American woman dedicated to fighting injustice, I am deeply troubled by the tragic loss of George Floyd, who struggled for air while in police custody.

I am motivated to engage with my community to heal and help to solve the problem of racial injustice that we know have rattled our nation.

I was in attendance at a peaceful protest held in Baltimore last week, as all walks of life came together in solidarity to speak out against this tragedy and explore ways to rebuild. I was so proud to see that my community peacefully assembled and positively expressed their concerns and focused on a commitment to advocacy and reform.

Now, as I watch the news and outcry of our communities, I realize three crucial principles for reconciliation. First, let us start by loving families and our neighbors as ourselves. Second, we must continue to peacefully engage with others, especially local leaders, to speak out to bring accountability and awareness. Finally, we must mobilize to elect leaders who will strive to keep us safe and protect members of communities by implementing measures to ensure transparency and eliminate bad actors.

If elected to be the councilwoman of Baltimore's 5th District, I will use my platform to push for measures that promote safety, healing, and justice for Black Baltimoreans.

As Nelson Mandela once said, It is in your hands to make a difference. Therefore, I stand with Baltimore City and every resident. Together, we will make changes to improve the system. I will fight to weed out corruption, inequality, and racial injustice. We can ensure every man and woman feel protected and valued through our actions. I hope to see you on Election Day standing with me against the status quo of gentrification, corruption, and racial injustice.

Maria Mandela Vismale

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