

# **A PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCHESTER, NY DEMANDING THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD NOW!**

## We need an independent civilian review board because:

- 88% of our police force is male, 76% of it is white, and 93% of officers live outside the city limits; we have an occupying police force in Rochester comprised primarily of white men who target people of color and specific neighborhoods of color to mete out brutality, harassment in the form of Stop & Frisk, and other forms of misconduct
- From 2007 – 2013, Rochester City Council and its president witnessed multiple speak-outs during City Council sessions regarding specific instances of police violence and neither said nor did anything publicly about those instances
- the problems that sparked the race riots/rebellion that happened in July of 1964—lack of quality housing, inequitable education, no or low wage jobs, and rampant police violence—have not changed in 50 years
- because the police cannot police themselves!

## An independent civilian review board...:

- is a committee of civilians selected by the people that investigate claims of police misconduct in order to hold officers accountable for their actions
- conducts its own independent investigation of all claims outside of the purview of the Rochester Police Department
- has subpoena power, which gives it the ability to call witnesses, see all evidence, and draw conclusions based on that evidence outside the purview of the Rochester Police Department
- turns its recommendations over to an impartial third party, not employed by or connected with law enforcement in Rochester to make a final, public determination and any punitive outcomes for abusive officers.

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