

Featured Action

POST (Police Officer Standards and Training Board) – Many of the police reform bills passed by the Minnesota Legislature will go to the POST Board for development of policies and practices for implementation. Our own Liz Richards is on the POST Board.

This past week, the POST Board passed the following:

- POST to develop a model policy, in partnership with community advisory groups and following best practices, on law enforcement response to 1st Amendment protests. Each law enforcement agency must adopt the policy.
- Created an ad hoc committee to determine the board's scope of authority and make recommendations for accountability when officers and/or agencies fail to follow policy.
- Start process to create a rule prohibiting law enforcement officers from associating with white supremacy hate groups.

Please thank them for taking these actions.

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<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/minnesota-police-officer-standards-training-board-gov-tim-walz-reform/89-4621aeef-5b91-49d4-b1a2-d64b70fb1876>

In Minnesota

Expressing Appreciation to elected officials for taking a stand on a controversial issue is as important as lobbying them to take a stand in the first place. Please take a moment to thank the following officials for their public stance in support of public safety and police reform:

Governor and Lt. Governor - <https://mn.gov/governor/contact/>. The Governor's Office supports public safety and police reform legislation.

Attorney General – The Attorney General supports public safety and police reform legislation. He also led the successful prosecution in the George Floyd trial. Does not accept email. Office of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison
Tel: (651) 296-3353 (Twin Cities Calling Area) or (800) 657-3787 (Outside the Twin Cities)

Minnesota House of Representatives – the Minnesota House of Representatives passed a wide ranging public safety reform bill last week <https://kstp.com/news/minnesota-house-to-vote-on-wide-ranging-public-safety-bill-that-includes-police-reform-legislation-/6082629/>

Please find out if your representative supports the bill. If they did, please send them a note thanking them.

Minnesota Senate – the public safety reform bill passed the House last week is on its way to the Senate. Please contact your Senator asking them to support the bill.

If you do not know who your elected officials are, you can find the contact information for your here - <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

This Act passed in the US House of Representatives and is in process in the US Senate.

All DFL Representatives voted for this bill. Please send them an email thanking them.

Rep. Omar, <https://omar.house.gov/>

Rep. McCollum, <https://mccollum.house.gov/>

Rep. Angie Craig, <https://craig.house.gov/>

Rep. Dean Phillips, <https://phillips.house.gov>

Both of our Senators are expected to vote for this bill. Please send them a note of thanks for their public support of this bill.

Senator Smith, <https://www.smith.senate.gov/>

Senator Klobuchar, <https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/>

President Biden and Vice President Harris have also expressed their support of this legislation. Please write them at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/> to tell them that you support them.