



**For Release:** Friday, April 28th, 2022

## **Statement in Response to Minnesota Department of Human Rights’ Findings of Racial Discrimination by the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Police Department**

[Minneapolis, MN] **Justin Terrell**, Executive Director of the Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) today released the following statement:

“At the Minnesota Justice Research Center, we are proud to be part of the work to help improve public safety and increase community trust in Minneapolis. We are collaborating with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) to engage with community members thoughtfully and intentionally.

After the MDHR released its findings on Wednesday, together we immediately started holding conversations with community members. These conversations are just the beginning of the engagement work ahead, which is focused on hearing from a range of community members, building trust, and engaging in developing potential ideas for a consent decree between MDHR and the City.

We are honored to play a role in developing the contents of the consent decree so that it truly reflects the experiences, perspectives, and desires of Minneapolis community members, especially Black and Indigenous communities.

As an organization that values the contribution of research, we know this process will be as comprehensive, data-driven, and as inclusive as possible.”

At this time, ideas for potential changes in a consent decree can be provided to MDHR at [mn.gov/mdhr/mpd/contactus](https://mn.gov/mdhr/mpd/contactus).

*The Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to driving meaningful change to Minnesota’s criminal legal system through rigorous and community-centered research, education, and policy development. <https://www.mnjrc.org/>*