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FAMILIES OF MURDER VICTIMS UNITE TO SUPPORT THIRU VIGNARAJAH FOR MAYOR

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BALTIMORE. April 20, 2024.

Today, at 12 PM, in front of City Hall, the mothers and family members of over a dozen murder victims will come together to share their stories of loss and unite in support of former Deputy Attorney General and candidate for Mayor Thiru Vignarajah.

Vignarajah will announce his plans to address homicides, which despite meager gains alongside most other cities nationwide, place Baltimore as the second highest per capita homicide rate in America.

A career prosecutor, Vignarajah will also outline his commitment to create a first-of-its-kind Office of Victims' Rights, which would be created and managed by survivors and family members of crime victims, who would guide and support families in what, for most of them, will be the hardest week and hardest month of their lives.

Below are the names of the victims, along with the family member — often a mother — who will be representing the family at the event to support Vignarajah.

Timothy Reynolds, 48, shot and killed by a squeegee worker on July 7, 2022 (corner of Light and Conway St.), represented by his wife Shannon Reynolds;

Aaliyah Gonzalez, 18, shot and killed on July 2, 2023 (Brooklyn Homes mass shooting), represented by her mother Krystal Gonzalez;

Alexander Wroblewski III, 41, shot and killed on November 14, 2017 (Lawrence Street in Locust Point), represented by his mother and father Mary and Al Wroblewski;

Daurrell Hudson, 33, stabbed to death on June 21, 2021 (Belair Road near East North Avenue), represented by his mother Liza Holley;

Deanta Dorsey, 16, shot and killed on January 4, 2023 (Edmondson Village Shopping Center), represented by his father Donte Dorsey;

Deontae Belcher, 25, shot and killed on April 15, 2020, represented by his mother Anita Thomas;

Dominique Edmonds, 32, shot and killed on August 3, 2019 (Seminole Avenue), represented by his mother Lawand Edmonds;

James Bennet, 42, shot and killed on August 4, 2021 (West Franklin Street), represented by his mother Denise Boykins;

Maliyah Turner, 13, shot and killed November 18, 2021 (near the rec center on N. Stricker St.), represented by mother Michelle Smith and aunt Nakia Smith;

Devin Rodgers, 23, shot and killed on August 7, 2019 (Sylburn Ave., Park Hts.), represented by his mother Angela Royster;

Izaiah Carter, 16, shot and killed on March 6, 2023 (near Patterson High School), represented by his mother Michelle Hines;

Craig Ray, 35, shot and killed in 2014 (2400 block of Wilgrey Court, West Port), represented by his mother Ruth Good.

Of the event, Vignarajah said, “Baltimore today remains a city in perpetual mourning. These mothers and fathers carry the unimaginable grief of burying their child. I am inspired and honored that they have turned their pain into purpose and are speaking up for change.”

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By Authority of Friends of Thiru Vignarajah | Treasurer Sandra Seward