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TEMPLE STUDENT GOVERNMENT HOSTS PANEL ON POLICE BRUTALITY

PHILADELPHIA, PA- September 26, 2016- In the wake of recent events concerning the police-involved shootings of Terence Crutcher, Keith Lamont Scott and Tawon Boyd, Temple Student Government (TSG) reaffirms its commitment to serve Temple University students and their interests. TSG will continue to support and advocate for students that share our concern for police brutality. It is disheartening that this issue still prevails. Our hearts are heavy for Terence Crutcher, Keith Lamont Scott, Tawon Boyd and the countless other victims and families affected by police brutality, and we send our deepest condolences.

Our administration previously released a statement dated July 27, 2016 explaining our discontent with the tension and police brutality occurring in our country and remain firmly grounded in those views. The statement also outlines our plan of action for this academic year regarding the ongoing injustice.

In an effort to encourage discussion, education and promote positive change on the topic, Temple Student Government, in collaboration with The Black Student Union, Black Law Students Association, and Temple Police will be hosting an open forum discussion on October 3, 2016 at 4pm in Howard Gittis Student Center Room 200C. Panelists will include guests from The Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy and Leadership, SEPTA, Philadelphia Housing Authority, Philadelphia Police, Temple Police and Mary Stricker, Ph.D., a Sociology professor at Temple. Change begins when individuals stand together in unison to confront the injustices that impact us all. Please bring your questions and concerns to this forum. We are hopeful that this panel will spark a necessary dialogue around our campus and bring our community closer in this time of tragedy.

Furthermore, TSG encourages students to seek out the various on campus self-care resources available to you and to let us know how we can further support the student body. We look forward to continued student engagement in the coming weeks.

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