

STATE REPRESENTATIVE **ROBYN VINING** 14TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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Rep. Robyn Vining Responds to Kenosha DA Decision

MADISON - On Wednesday, Kenosha District Attorney Michael Graveley announced that no charges will be filed against the officer that shot Jacob Blake. Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) issued the following statement in response:

"I am thinking of Jacob Blake, his children, and his family in the wake of this decision. As I often am in situations like this, I am pained by the trauma for all involved in this terrible situation, and the lifetime of healing they will now face.

"It is our job as legislators to hold ourselves accountable in tackling systemic racism and inequity. It is also our job to see preventable violence, and evaluate the statutes for how better laws can mean a more fair, just, healthy, safe, equal, transparent, and accountable world for everyone. That is what has been done by the legislators who have introduced legislation for violence prevention, and more transparency and accountability in policing.

"As I said when Governor Evers called a special session on transparency and accountability in policing, the time for leadership is now. The people are watching, Wisconsin is watching, the country is watching. We must do the work people entrusted us to do to create a more fair, just, healthy, safe, equal, transparent, and accountable Wisconsin."

Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee. For more information, visit Rep. Vining's website <u>here</u>.

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