

## City of Akron and Family of Jayland Walker Release Joint Statement

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Today, the Walker Family and the City of Akron are announcing they have resolved the litigation concerning the death of Jayland Walker.

The Malik administration has prioritized ongoing dialogue and engagement between city leaders and the community, including the Walker family, to examine policies and procedures and make improvements where needed for the safety of all residents. In fact, Mayor Malik and the Akron Police Department have already updated the city's vehicle pursuit policy as a result of this ongoing review.

In seeking to settle this claim, and upon the best recommendation of the City Law Department, the city has agreed to pay the Walker Family \$4,850,000 in a series of four installments over the next four years.

We all agree: Akron should be a place where everyone is safe. We all know there are important problems to address in our community and it is through our continued commitment, courage, and conversations we will move our city forward, together.

DiCello Levitt, which has represented the family of Jayland Walker since 2022, will hold a press conference at a later date on behalf of the family.

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