U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT
SACRAMENTO MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSON
 ISSUES STATEMENT IN THE WAKE OF THE MURDERS OF POLICE OFFICERS
 IN NEW YORK CITY

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Conference of Mayors President and Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson issued the following statement today in the wake of the murders of two New York City police officers:

"The US Conference of Mayors has an unparalleled history of partnership with law enforcement. From our founding support of the COPS Program to our current efforts to collaborate with our police chiefs around community policing, we represent a body of mayors who stand beside our police officers at the local and national levels.

"As we reflect on the immensely tragic events from this past weekend in New York City, our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the slain police officers who senselessly lost their lives in the line of duty. We are all heartbroken whenever such violence occurs, and we strongly condemn these actions.

"The nation's mayors stand in solidarity with their local police departments during this difficult time. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has called for peace and a break from protests to allow the victims' families to grieve during the holidays. We will do our part to echo this call for peace and support Mayor de Blasio as he leads his city in mourning the fallen officers.

"The killing of a police officer in New York City is no different than the killing of a police officer in any of our cities, and we mourn the loss of those who put their lives on the line every day in service to others."

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