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## STATEMENT FROM MAYOR PILCH & VICE MAYOR McQUAID

We are outraged by the shooting of Jacob Blake this week in Wisconsin. Once again a Black man has been shot by police. Circumstances are not completely clear, but he was shot in the back, continuing the pattern of violence against Black men by police across the United States.

We also recognize the treatment of the young white man who allegedly killed 2 and wounded another. Walking down the street carrying a long gun and being called out as the shooter, no police officer even stopped him. Why is the treatment of these 2 men so different? Is there a better example of the unjust application of justice?

We acknowledge members of this community are truly in pain resulting from the continued trauma of racism. We hear you and want to work with you to make Albany a welcoming and safe space for everyone.

The City of Albany continues robust outreach to our community as we develop an action plan built on the principles of inclusivity and social justice and equity to address systemic racism. This is not a short term fix but rather an intense and long range endeavor and one that needs input from our entire community.

We encourage each member of our community to look within themselves and determine how they can address racism on a personal level – 400 years of racism will not end with one plan, or one city, but each of us has a responsibility to learn our true history and reflect on our personal role to end racism.