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An Open Letter to the Wayne County Prosecutor

We, the undersigned citizens of Detroit, are concerned about the growing doubts among our fellow citizens that Justice will be served in the crime which led to the death of Malice Green, Thursday, November 5, 1992. In particular, there is growing fear of a change of venue as in the trial of the Los Angeles police officers in the Rodney King beatings.

There is no doubt that this crime took place in the city of Detroit and that those involved were public servants of Detroit.

we believe, therefore, that any attempt to evade having their actions judged by their peers, the citizens of the city of Detroit, would be a deliberate attempt to deprive those of us who have borne the brunt of police behavior of our fundamental rights as citizens. We are also convinced that such a miscarriage of Justice would make it difficult for the citizens of this city to maintain respect for Law and Order and would be an incitement to rebellion.

we further believe that in order to prevent such tragedies in the future the city of Detroit must take immediate steps to develop a community-based police force which all citizens can respect.

we all hope that Justice will prevail in this situation but we are convinced that anything less than a full hearing and a speedy trial in Detroit would be an affront to the citizens of Detroit with immeasurable and dire consequences.