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The National Black Church Initiative Issues Evidence Based Proposal to Governor John Bel Edwards and Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu to Stop Black on Black Crime in the City of New Orleans

*A plan to end Black on Black crime in New Orleans and
Louisiana*

Washington, DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, has issued an out of the box, innovative proposal to the Governor and the Mayor of New Orleans with solution based Action Steps to help put an end to Black on Black crime in that city. In 10 heavily crime infested neighborhoods the plan reportedly will save the City and New Orleans County over \$100,000,000 over the next 5 years. This is one of many proposals we plan to send to the following cities: Memphis, New Orleans, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit and Atlanta.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, “Mayor Landrieu has spoken eloquently in the past on the issue of black on black crime and the National Black Church Initiative has brought forth an answer. The question is will he step up to the plate. We are excited about offering this solution to the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana and to quiet the critics who blame the present political dysfunction of the Justice System on Black on Black crime. Now that they have a solution let’s see what their answer will be.”

The plan employs evidence, solution based strategies that have been tested in other cities in smaller scales. This plan calls for a full application of those proven techniques. Full application and a commitment from State and City leaders is needed to see whether or not they are serious about eradicating crime in the Black community. The science is clear on Black on Black crime and its effect on African American children. It traumatizes them and creates a social gene within their psyche that the only solution in solving problems is violence. This type of systemic crime patterns in the 10 neighborhoods cited would never have occurred in White middle-class neighborhoods. New Orleans is a city that is on edge because of the lack of moral leadership in the areas of fairness in applied justice.

The Black community is well aware of what is going to happen next given the fact that that frustration, that sense of Black pain, resonates in our young people. We do not know how that pain will manifest itself in the coming months, whether in their neighborhoods, at school and even at the Church but one thing is for certain the Black community will receive the brunt of it. There is no societal moral outlet for that pain other than the destructive tactics of mass riots. This plan if fully funded and implemented can and will provide the proper evidence based intervention and be able to dissipate Black anguish, Black frustration and Black mistrust at an unfair justice system. Thus properly dealing with the Black pain that is ever present in our young and our old.

Governor Edwards and Lt. Governor William Nungesser have talked about the fact of Black on Black crime but now let us see if they are willing to provide sufficient and necessary resources to deal with it. They have both pointed to the fact that Blacks are killing Blacks and that they have no solution to it. The Black Church has answered them in this evidence based proposal. The question is simple, are they willing to put their money where their mouths are. Are their words just empty political rhetoric of an excuse of why they are doing nothing about this epidemic of Black on Black crime? If they are honest the Black Church is willing to work with them, but if they are just blowing hot air then we will find other means of implementing this initiative. Politicians use Black on Black crime as an excuse of their half-bake political solutions to crime in general. Now at last, they do not have to use it as a political excuse, the only thing they have to do is fund the program fully.

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.