

Official Statement from Samaria Rice, mother of Tamir Rice, and Lisa Simpson, mother of Richard Risher

Tamika D. Mallory, Shaun King, Benjamin Crump, Lee Merritt, Patrisse Cullors, Melina Abdullah and the Black Lives Matter Global Network need to step down, stand back, and stop monopolizing and capitalizing off our fight for justice and human rights. We never hired them to be the representatives in the fight for justice for our dead loved ones murdered by the police. The 'activists' have events in our cities and have not given us anything substantial for using our loved ones' images and names on their flyers. The attorneys in our fight are also misleading the impacted families. In the case of Tamir Rice, it was even questionable as to whether Benjamin Crump knew the laws in-depth, in the state of Ohio; I fired him 6-8 months into Tamir's case. We don't want or need y'all parading in the streets accumulating donations, platforms, movie deals, etc. off the death of our loved ones, while the families and communities are left clueless and broken. Don't say our loved ones' names period! That's our truth!

We demand accountability from everyone mentioned with the following demands:

- 1.) Step down from the spotlight of our fights. Do not do anymore interviews, make anymore t-shirts, or hold anymore press conferences or events in the name of our loved ones. Do not use our loved ones to market any events. Stop clout chasing and ambulance chasing these families.
- 2.) Black Lives Matter Los Angeles should pay me, Lisa Simpson, as I am the mother of Richard Risher. They had a press conference for the 49 day encampment when my son, Richard Risher, first got killed. They campaigned to raise \$5,000 for my son's funeral. I never received one penny of the money they raised. They kicked me off the encampment because they did not like how I chose to fight for my son.
- 3.) Financial assistance for the Tamir Rice Foundation from all who have exploited Tamir Rice: Tamika Mallory, Shaun King, Benjamin Crump, and Black Lives Matter Global Network. I, Samaria Rice, purchased the building in 2018 and it needs remodeling, operational funds, bullet proof windows for the lower level, Hvac cooling and heating system, commercial flooring, restrooms, furniture, piano repairs, new internal doors, etc.
- 4.) Housing funds for Lisa Simpson, as I am battling homelessness with my current children. My son, Richard Risher, was killed by LAPD and I was offered no assistance from BLM. I am currently living in a motel with my children and need funds for housing.
- 5.) Support the Tamir Rice Foundation and make all requested donations there:
www.tamirericefoundation.org
- 6.) Send personal donations to the cashapps of \$SamariaRice and \$LisaLee693