

# Resolution No. 312-2021

**By Council Members Conwell, Hairston,  
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## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Strongly supporting the request by four Ohio lawmakers to Attorney General Merrick Garland to re-open the investigation into the police shooting and killing of Tamir Rice in 2014, and likewise calling upon Attorney General Garland to re-open the investigation.

WHEREAS, last week, Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown, and House members Tim Ryan, Joyce Beatty and Marcy Kaptur asked U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to re-open the investigation into Tamir Rice's death; and

WHEREAS, one week prior to their request, attorneys for the family of Tamir Rice asked the Department of Justice to convene a grand jury into the December, 2014 police shooting of him; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Department under the Obama administration opened an investigation into Tamir's death, but was unable to complete it before the Trump administration took office; in December, 2020, the Trump administration abruptly closed the investigation; and

WHEREAS, this Council agrees strongly with Senator Brown and Representatives Ryan, Beatty and Kaptur that the only way justice will be done for the Tamir Rice family is for the Justice Department to re-open the investigation in order to completely and adequately investigate the police shooting of the boy; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council strongly supports the request by four Ohio lawmakers to Attorney General Merrick Garland to re-open the investigation into the police shooting and killing of Tamir Rice in 2014 and likewise calls upon Attorney General Garland to re-open the investigation.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Merrick Garland, U.S. Attorney General, Senator Sherrod Brown, and Representatives Tim Ryan, Joyce Beatty and Marcy Kaptur.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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