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Hoover City Councilman Derrick Murphy Statement on Decision Regarding Release of Information

HOOVER, AL – (December 3, 2018) – I have a few comments in response to the City of Hoover’s statement regarding the decision not to release any information related to the tragic events of November 22, 2018.

First, my family and I continue to send our daily thoughts, prayers and support to the Bradford family. Their grace, dignity, and strength are nothing short of remarkable.

Second, I am encouraged by my fellow City of Hoover officials and their willingness to hear a different perspective. We’ve had many difficult conversations this past week, which revealed great differences in life experiences. They are conversations we likely would have never had. We have only scratched the surface. The conversations must continue. I am hopeful that my fellow city officials and our community will stay engaged, continue to grow, and move towards healing and solutions in the years to come.

Finally, this has been a difficult and impossible time for most of us—locally and nationally. Our difficulties pale in comparison to the Bradford family’s grief. I am disappointed that we cannot give the Bradford family the answers they deserve faster. Please pray for the Bradford family. Please pray for our community. Please pray for those grieving privately and publicly. Please be patient with me as I struggle to balance the privilege of being an elected official in the City of Hoover with the flinching of being an African-American following tragic circumstances like these.

God has prepared us for such a time as this. We will continue to support the Bradford family, the City of Hoover, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, and our community as we seek truth in this storm.

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