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Odinet Press Release – Support or Resign

Committee Members:

James D. Thomas
Chair
At Large

We, the members of the Lafayette Parish Democratic Executive Committee, are requesting statements from public officials, members of the justice community, and community leaders as to their support of City Court Judge Michelle Odinet continuing as an elected official.

Mary Pritchard
Vice-Chair
At Large

We will not dignify Judge Odinet's behavior by repeating her reprehensible transgressions and statements as recorded on video and audio as widely distributed through the local and national media.

Paul Scott LeBleu
Secretary
District 1

We believe that Judge Odinet will not be an effective member of the justice community. For, a number of attorneys are already calling for her to recuse herself when hearing cases involving issues that might be influenced from a broad array of concerns. These concerns are primarily related to race, but also touching on social justice and equality before the law.

Peggy Sabatier
Treasurer
At Large

As a result, her role on the bench will be limited and ineffective.

Rachel Foreman
District 2

Let there be no equivocation in public statements in calling for her to resign or in statements of support.

Connie Horton
District 3

Let their statements be on the record on social media or to the press.

Glenn Armentor
District 4

Let public officials, members of the bar, and community leaders choose their words carefully and to the point.

Tonique C. "Toni"
Ventroy
District 5

We will not seek clarifications.

At-Large Members

Silence will be understood as support.

Ann Ardoin

Michael "Mike"
LeBlanc

Clancy Ratliff, Ph.D