A statement from Ferguson Commission Co-Chairs Rev. Starsky Wilson and Rich McClure

FERGUSON COMMISSION COMMENDS ST. LOUIS COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION OF CALLS TO ACTION

St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger’s legislation to establish uniform standards for St. Louis County’s 57 municipal police departments is a solid first step in implementing the calls to action outlined by the work of hundreds of regional experts, leaders and citizens as outlined in the Justice for All signature priority of the Ferguson Commission Report.

The Commission process allowed for sourcing from key national efforts on policing in addition to input from citizens and regional leadership, making the alignment with the report’s recommendations particularly encouraging.

This announcement, along with the implementation of Senate Bill 5 and the Governor’s call for the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission to consider increased training standards, are positive steps toward our shared goal of enabling law enforcement agencies to serve and protect all citizens based on principles of trust, mutual respect, transparency, cultural competence and justice.

We look forward to continuing to work with all regional leadership to address the disparities and increase opportunity for the St. Louis region to thrive.

The signature priority section on Justice for All and related calls to action can be found here: http://forwardthroughferguson.org/report/signature-priorities/justice-for-all/

All of the calls to action in Justice for All can be found here: http://forwardthroughferguson.org/report/call-to-action/authorizing-appropriate-use-of-force/