

Community Meeting On Rejected \$5 Million Alton Sterling's Settlement

Baton Rouge, LA - Metro Councilwoman Chauna Banks will host a community meeting on the East Baton Rouge Metro Council's rejection of a proposed \$5 million settlement in the civil lawsuit filed on behalf of Alton Sterling's five children, who lost their father in a 2016 police shooting that ignited protests nationwide. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2020, Scotlandville Branch Library, 7373 Scenic Highway. Capacity is limited; social distancing and wearing a mask is mandatory.

The civil lawsuit, filed in 2017 against the city-parish, alleges the 2016 police shooting exemplified longstanding problems of racist attitudes and excessive force within the Baton Rouge Police Department. The lawsuit is inching toward a March 2021 trial date, now more than four years after the Black man was killed during a struggle with two White police officers outside a Baton Rouge convenience store.

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