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President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. Statement on the Murder of Officer Mazurkiewicz

July 22, 2022 – "Last night, Rochester passed the grim milestone of 42 murders in our city," said Council President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. "A Rochester Police Officer became the latest victim of murder while he was on duty doing his job protecting us. This latest murder is the product of a violent culture that has permeated our streets and is terrorizing our neighborhoods and the neighbors within them. Police officers put their lives at risk every day and, tragically, after 29 years of service, Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz will not be returning to his wife and family this morning. On behalf of City Council, I offer my deepest condolences to the Mazurkiewicz Family and also to the entire RPD Family. I also want to acknowledge his partner, Officer Seng, and a bystander who were also shot in this incident and I will continue to pray for their full recovery. As a City we need to grieve for those who have been caught in this wave of terror, we all need to continue our prayers for healing and for an end to the violence gripping our streets, but these prayers need be met with the resources and hard work needed to stop the shootings."