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## **The DC Black Church Initiative Blames Ward 2 Councilwoman Brooke Pinto, Weak and Racist Crime Bill, For President Trump's Takeover of DC**

### ***Her Bill to Save the Black People***

**Washington, D.C.** - The DC Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of African American and Latino churches, blames her and her all-white staff for the Trump Administration takeover of the District of Columbia. DC Councilwoman Brooke came up with the elements of the plan, which she called Secure DC. The central thesis of the plan was to reduce crime by getting everyone on the same page with the goal of the proposal- stopping young black youth from stealing, shooting, and carjacking. Black Church Initiative sends her our crime plan and asks for a meeting to be a part of a broad coalition in helping our young people choose a positive course away from crime.

Rev. Anthony Evans , president of the DC Black Church Initiative, says “everybody knows about President Trump's abuse of power. DC Councilwoman Brooke's racist complex for young black youth and her terrible crime bill made it easy for Trump to take over Washington, DC. The ministers are not mad at Trump. Crime is down. We are angry at Councilwoman Pinto's paternalistic approach toward the black community. We aim to defeat her in the next election. So what if you are the youngest ever elected.

On November 7, 2023, we reached out to Genevieve Hulick for a meeting to talk about our ideas and how we can help, and after three weeks of trying, she refused to meet with the ministers. We were confused and felt disrespected. After reading the crime plan by Councilperson Brooke Pinto, we felt the plan fell short. It has a heavy administrative emphasis that relies on inter-agency cooperation and crime data, and little money is devoted to the people-to-people neighborhood response.

Councilperson Brooke Pinto's crime bill is the weakest, most confusing, and underfunded, as it does not address the underlying crime issues or human problems. The plan has no creative solution, and the leadership of the plan's overall focus is wrong; there was a significant cultural competency issue from the start.

Here was a white woman who was not from the district, but believed she knew DC after attending law school, and wanted to save the black community from crime, and she had never lived in a black community in her life. She is a do-gooder who lives in a white community. She knows nothing about black people. She has no firsthand knowledge only what her law books told her.

## **ABOUT NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. The mission of NBCI is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches, and the public. NBCI utilizes faith and sound health science, partnering with major organizations and officials to reduce racial disparities in various areas, as cited above. NBCI's programs are guided by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that deliver effective solutions to complex economic and social challenges.