

Alveda King Shocked by Baltimore Mayor's Response to Violence in City Streets

My dear Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake,

Your invitation to “give space for those who want to destroy” is unbelievable. This interpretation of rights to free speech is dangerous, ma’am.

In 1963, my father Rev. A.D. King, after the firebombing of our home in Birmingham, Alabama, urged hostile protesters to abandon violence and turn to God in prayer instead. Thank God they listened to him, and the even greater voice of his brother, my Uncle MLK, during those turbulent days.

Now, you are inviting violence to your city? Who, ma’am, will incur the moral and economic costs of picking up the pieces? The innocent taxpayers?

We at are very concerned. Ma’am, people are not entitled to pillage and destroy. That is just plain wrong. Our affiliates on the ground in Baltimore are willing to help quell the violent tide. And make no mistake about it; something must be done to save our cities.

How did we get here? Where do we go now? Think about this: Baltimore 1965 vs. Baltimore 2015, compare and contrast:

1. Money spent on public schools then vs. now.
2. Amount spent on social welfare payments then vs. now.
3. The size of Government Bureaucracy then vs. now.
4. The number of black elected officials then vs. now.
5. Number of black children born in Baltimore to an

intact nuclear family.

6. Number of black lives MIA by abortion and incarceration.

If you look at all six questions/comparisons what you will see is the only statistics to have decreased (1965 to 2015) is the number of black children born in intact nuclear families.

Something is wrong. We must stop the killing and advance the healing now!

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