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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE ORGANIZATIONS CONDEMNS LEFT-WING DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S HIT JOB ON AUSTIN POLICE OFFICERS

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Alexandria, VA – The National Association of Police Organizations (“NAPPO”) condemns in the strongest possible terms the decision by Travis County, Texas District Attorney Jose Garza to seek the criminal indictment of nineteen Austin police officers for law enforcement actions the officers took during violent protests. The officers were forced to use lawful force to protect themselves and others after they came under criminal attack during May 2020 protests over the death of George Floyd. Almost two years later, D.A. Garza, who wasn’t even serving in office at the time of the incident, has decided to criminally prosecute the same officers who risked their own safety to restore peace in Austin. The George Soros-funded Garza is playing true to form. As a criminal defense attorney, he used his position and privilege to put criminals *back on* the streets. As elected D.A., he is now serving the same master by trying to remove officers *from the* streets. There is every indication that these officers will ultimately be cleared of wrongdoing, but in the meantime, the officers, their families, and the citizens of Austin who can least afford it, will pay the price of Garza’s ignorance and hubris.

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