



LENA C. TAYLOR

Wisconsin State Senator • 4th District

HERE TO SERVE YOU!

FOR IMMEDIATE ADVISORY:

August 27, 2020

For more information, contact:

Michelle Bryant (608) 266-5810

or sen.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov

Senator Taylor’s Encourages Colleagues to Take Care of Business

(MADISON) – Today, Senator Lena C. Taylor (D-Milwaukee) joined Reverend Jesse Jackson, Jr., the Kenosha NAACP, the Urban League, and Kenosha community leaders in a press conference. In addressing the shooting of Jacob Blake, the unnecessary loss of life and civil unrest, Sen. Taylor released the following statement:

“In the wake of the Jacob Blake shooting, the murders of Joseph Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber, and the physical and emotional damage experienced by Kenosha residents, I’m asking legislators to examine how we do business in this state. How do we do provide equal and fair application of the law? How do we determine which groups have the ear and voting power of state legislators? How do we decide when enough is enough?”

“We don’t competently respond to racism, don’t comprehensively respond to excessive use of force, don’t adequately respond to calls for responsible gun ownership, and we don’t timely respond to inequities in our systems. “

“We will, however, create a task force, study committee or introduce piecemeal legislation that enforces individual or partisan ideology. We will create programs and initiatives, but improperly fund them. We will bow to political pressure, put off, or camouflage our problems. But like anything ignored, eventually you are forced to deal with it. The events in Kenosha require that elected officials address the needs and business of our state. As a legislative body, we should go back in to session. We should deal with policing policies, accountability measures, and public safety, that respects the rights of all our residents. If members could entertain returning to debate a statewide mask mandate, then I know that the loss of three lives, decimation of countless others, and the events that have transpired over the last several days, should move all of us to take care of business.”