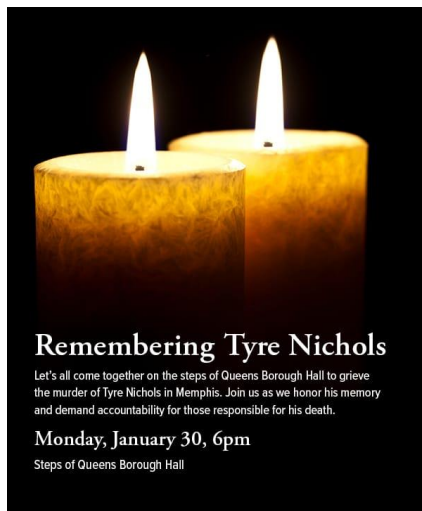


Remarks by Ashook Ramsaran at Queens Borough President Vigil “Remembering Tyre Nichols” – January 30, 2023 at Queens Borough Hall

“This is another shameful moment for America; another shameful moment for America and for all of us. When will this tragedy stop? It can stop when we all say “Enough”. It can stop when we all say “Enough is Enough”; When police killings change to police protection. When hearts and minds are changed. To all who care, this should not happen -- now or ever. This should not happen again and we must work together to make sure of that. We are grateful to QBP Richards for holding this vigil. To the Nichols family, we feel, we grieve and we mourn with you.”

Ashook Ramsaran
Executive Vice President
Queens Civic Congress
January 30, 2023



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, January 30, 2023

QBP RICHARDS TO HOLD CANDLELIGHT VIGIL IN MEMORY OF TYRE NICHOLS *Tonight, January 30, at 6:00 PM*

QUEENS, NY – Following this month’s gruesome killing of Tyre Nichols at the hands of five Memphis, Tennessee police officers, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. will host a candlelight vigil to grieve and uplift Nichols’ memory with the borough on tonight, January 30, at 6pm on the steps of Queens Borough Hall.

“Tyre Nichols was a beloved son. Tyre Nichols was a devoted father. Tyre Nichols was a dedicated friend, a talented skateboarder and a positive influence on so many in his community. Tyre Nichols should be alive today — instead, he is yet another social media hashtag and the latest name to be carved into the never-ending list of innocent lives lost at the hands of law enforcement,” said **Borough President RICHARDS**. “This hurt I feel and we all feel as we watch the video of Tyre’s lynching is devastating, but we don’t have to process it alone. Join us at Borough Hall tonight as we honor Tyre Nichols’ life and demand accountability for the officers and the system that stole it.”

The five Memphis police officers who were involved in Nichols’ assault have since been fired and charged with murder, among other crimes. Nichols later died of his injuries on January 10, while barbaric police body camera footage of Nichols’ fatal beating was released on January 27.

Members of the media who wish to attend the vigil are asked to RSVP by emailing press@queensbp.org or calling 718-286-2640.

WHAT: Borough President Richards Holds Candlelight Vigil in Memory of Tyre Nichols
WHEN: Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM
WHERE: Steps of Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens
WHO: DONOVAN RICHARDS JR., Queens Borough President