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## **Bichotte Hermelyn Responds To Guilty Verdict in Derek Chauvin Trial**

**Brooklyn, NY** – Today **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn** issued the following statement in response to the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial:

"The jury's verdict is in: Derek Chauvin is guilty on all counts. This decision will not bring **George Floyd** back, but I pray it will bring some sense of peace to his family. By holding Derek Chauvin accountable in this case, the court and jury set a precedent. We hope that this verdict will resonate with those who are charged with enforcing our laws. We have witnessed far too many miscarriages of justice, for far too long. Black lives matter. We have a long way to go to dismantle **systemic racism**, which has prevailed in our country since its founding, but today we have reason to believe that it is possible.

Today, we can begin to heal as a country. We are celebrating this step on the road to justice from Minneapolis to Brooklyn and beyond."

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Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)**, and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education, Banks, Health, and Higher Education**. She is also a member of the Task Force on Women's Issues and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council and Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force**.