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**COMPTROLLER MENDOZA'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO VAN  
DYKE VERDICT**

CHICAGO — Today our legal system did its job. A jury rendered a verdict that held Officer Jason Van Dyke accountable for the murder of Laquan McDonald.

The tragic events of that fateful night tore our City apart. Yet even in its darkest moments, Chicago, a city of grit and resolve, of faith and family, has shown its ability to come together, heal its broken heart, and move itself forward. We need each other today, more than ever before; to stand together as one family, all of us, and work to heal our great City.

Now is the time for us to focus on rebuilding the trust between police and communities, which has been broken for decades.

Lastly I want to express my sincere condolences to the family of Laquan McDonald and hope that today's verdict can help bring them some peace and justice.

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