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The family of Amir Locke, who was killed by Minneapolis police as they served a no-knock warrant, was invited to meet with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights last summer as the agency negotiated a settlement agreement to reform the police department.

On Friday, Locke's father Andre Locke Sr. voiced gratitude that the sweeping agreement reflected the feelings and experiences his family shared about the Minneapolis Police Department.

Locke's family supported a stipulation that the police department will continue to prohibit no-knock warrants. Officers must announce themselves and wait a reasonable period after knocking before forcing entry. And the agreement, approved Friday by the City Council, says officers must complete a risk assessment before executing a warrant and may be subject to discipline for "providing knowingly inaccurate or incomplete information in support of these warrants."

Read more of Maya Rao and Susan Du's reporting in the The Star Tribune.