Official Statement of the Multicultural Greek Council at University of California, Irvine in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement

To whom it may concern,

“There comes a time when silence is betrayal” - Martin Luther King Jr.

Our society is shocked at the senseless and brutal passing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and countless others. The Multicultural Greek Council at the University of California, Irvine is filled with diverse and empowering organizations, where our Black sororities and fraternities paved a path for us to exist. We stand in solidarity with the Black community. We send our condolences, prayers, and love to family, friends, and loved ones.

We are aware of the current and prominent issues occurring within the Black community. Many of us benefit from non-Black privilege, all in which we must use this privilege as allies of the Black community. We must actively do all that we can to dismantle racism inside and outside our organizations.

To our non-Black peers: Read, watch, listen, and educate yourselves, family members, friends, peers, neighbors, etc. about racial injustice and systematic racism. Reflect on your own biases. Speak up when you see or hear injustice and racism.

To our Black peers: know that your community stands besides you during this time.

#BlackLivesMatter

In Solidarity,

The Multicultural Greek Council at University of California, Irvine

Executive Board
Resources and References Sheet:
Please note: The following information is only a handful of resources and references. There are many more places to donate, to call or text, and to sign petitions.

1. Text/Call
   a. Text “FLOYD” to 55156
   b. Text “ENOUGH” to 55156
   c. Text “JUSTICE” to 668366
   d. Call (612) 324 -4499 and Demand the officers involved to be held responsible

2. Resources
   a. https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/
      i. Conclusive list of ways to help with petitions, protest information, donation, email and phone call templates
   b. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bUJrgX8vspyy7YttiEC2vD0DawrpPYiZs94V0ov7qZQ/htmlview
      i. Racism and Anti-Blackness Resources

3. Petitions
   ** do not donate to change.org petitions as the money does not directly benefit causes **
   a. Abolish Prison Labor
   b. Amari Boore - change.org
   c. Amiya Braxton - change.org
   d. Raise the Degree - change.org
   e. Chrystul Kizer - change.org
   f. Darius Stewart - change.org
   g. Elijah Nichols - change.rog
   h. Errc Riddick - change.org
   i. Free Albert Wilson - change.org
   j. Jennifer Jefey - change.org
   k. Justice for João Pedro - change.org
   l. Michael Dean - change.org
   m. Stand With #BLM - organizefor.org
   n. Tamir Rice - change.org
   o. Tete Gulley - change.org
p.  Tony McDade - change.org

Donations
1. Campaign Zero
   a. “Organization that utilizes research-based policy solutions to end police brutality in the U.S.”
   b. https://www.joincampaignzero.org/
2. George Floyd Memorial Fund
3. I Run With Maud: Justice for Ahmaud Baker
4. The NAACP Legal Defense Fund
   a. “Win landmark legal battles, protect voters across the nation, and advance the cause of racial justice, equality, and an inclusive society.”
5. Minnesota Freedom Fund
   a. “Helps pay jail bonds for those who cannot afford to fight discriminatory and coercive jailing”
   b. https://minnesotafreedomfund.org/
6. Black Visions Collective
   a. “Black-led and LGBTQ+ centered organization”
   b. https://www.blackvisionsmn.org/
7. Reclaim the Block
   a. https://www.reclaimtheblock.org/home