



Official Statement of the Panhellenic Community at University of California, Irvine in support of the Black Lives Matter movement

To whom it may concern,

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”

Desmond Tutu

Our world has been shaken with the murder of George Floyd by former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. While we live in a society where unjust violence against the Black population is too common, losing another life to senseless police brutality is still so difficult to see. It is impossible to ignore the impact this event has had on our community and America in general; to do so would be a disservice to the memory of George Floyd and all others who lost their lives to unnecessary acts of aggression from the police.

We, as an organization that prides itself on serving our community to the best of its ability, refuse to stay silent. Panhellenic women must contribute to the spread of awareness, resources, and tangible efforts to make change beyond retweets and hashtags. It is our duty to support and uplift the voices of our Black Panhellenic sisters - but this is not the only reason we must act on this issue. Participating in human rights movements purely because you know someone affected is to not see the issue in its entirety. Performative activism is empty. Showing up for the disenfranchised and using your platform to help others is necessary. Education and advocacy for these causes before they escalate is our goal.

In a world created on foundations of injustice, it is our responsibility to contribute to reformative change in any way possible. We have created a resource sheet with links to petitions, reliable organizations to donate to, and educational tools and will be distributing this to the Panhellenic community. Additionally, we as a community are encouraging individual chapter action in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Several Panhellenic chapters have already vocalized their support of this cause and we look forward to seeing more engagement and correspondence within our community surrounding this cause.

To non-Black Panhellenic women: educate yourself on how to best serve others with the privileges you may possess. To our Black Panhellenic sisters: know your community stands beside you during this time of crisis.

#BlackLivesMatter

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Black Lives Matter Resource Sheet

Websites:

<https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/>

- Conclusive list of ways to help with petitions, protest information, and donation forms

<https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/1-0KC83vYfVQ-2freQveH43PWxuab2uWDEGolzrNoIks/mobilebasic>

- Resources and donation links

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/1bUJrgX8vspyy7YttiEC2vD0DawrpPYiZs94V0ov7qZQ/htmlview>

- Tools Regarding Racism and Anti-Blackness & How to be a Better Ally

https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirITwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic

- Anti-Racism Resources

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-0KC83vYfVQ-2freQveH43PWxuab2uWDEGolzrNoIks/preview?pru=AAABcow4N-Y*_qLyvrFNL8RI2DjF4xH7_A

Text or Call:

- Text “JUSTICE” to 668366
- Text “FLOYD” to 55156
- Text “ENOUGH” to 55156

Donations:

- Black Visions Collective
 - <https://www.blackvisionsmn.org/>
- Campaign Zero
 - <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/>
- George Floyd Memorial fund
 - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd>
- I Run With Maud: Justice for Ahmaud Baker
 - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/i-run-with-maud>
- Justice for Breonna Taylor
 - <https://www.change.org/p/andy-beshear-justice-for-breonna-taylor>
- Minnesota Freedom Fund
 - *Note: MFF recently released a statement asking for donations to be redirected as they have received plenty in the last few days*



- Reclaim The Block
 - <https://www.reclaimtheblock.org/home>
- Unicorn Riot
 - <https://unicornriot.ninja/>

Petitions to Sign:

**note - do not donate to change.org petitions as the money does not directly benefit their causes!*

- Abolish Prison Labor
- Amari Boone- change.org
- Amiya Braxton- change.org
- Andile Mchunu (Bobo) - change.org
- Angel Bumpass- change.org
- Chrystul Kizer- change.org
- Crystal Mason- change.org
- Darius Stewart- change.org
- Darius Stewart- moveon.org
- Dion Johnson- change.org
- Elijah Nichols- change.org
- Emerald Black- change.org
- Eric Riddick- change.org
- Fire Racist Criminal From the NYPD
- Free Albert Wilson- change.org
- Free Siyanda- change.org
- Jamee Johnson- organizfor.org
- Jennifer Jefey-change.org
- Justice for Macie- change.org
- Marshae Jones- change.org
- Michael Dean- change.org
- Rashad Cunningham- change.org
- Sheku Bayoh- change.org
- Stand With #BLM- organizefor.org
- Tamir Rice- change.org
- Tamla Hosford- change.org
- Tazne Van Wyk- change.org
- Tete Gulley- change.org
- Zinedine Karabo Gioia- change.org

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