

Mayor Gavin Buckley
Rally for George Floyd
3 p.m. - 1 June 2020
City Dock

[note: Police Chief Jackson will join you]

Today, cell phone video tells a story to white America about something Black America has known for generations: Senselessly shot to death while out jogging. A police officer kneeling on a man's neck for more than nine minutes until he is deceased. Black men killed for no reason.

Ahmaud Arbery

George Floyd

I thank you for coming out today because America very clearly needs to have a mirror held up so that everyone can see how America's original sin - racism and misogyny -

continue today to tear at the fabric of our society.

Trayvon Martin

Eric Garner

I thank you because the only change that has ever happened in America has happened because people of conscience stood up and demanded it.

Tamir Rice

Michael Brown

At the moment, it feels like we have taken a giant step backwards. Our national leadership is failing to lead us through this crisis of a pandemic, which is disproportionately impacting people of color.

Eric Harris

Sandra Bland

And the federal response to the most recent killings in Georgia and Minneapolis - that response is failing.

Freddie Gray

Lavante Biggs

Make no mistake, the protests over the past few days -- and this protest -- these actions are warranted. The only people responsible for this latest round of actions are the Minneapolis Police who have failed to hold their officers accountable over years and, for at minimum this latest officer, multiple complaints and incidents.

Alton Sterling

Philandro Castile

The actions you are taking today are actions that I hope we can continue to take. Elected officials are making the decisions leading to these events. Organize. Find ten friends and get them to register to vote. Get those ten friends to the polls on Election Day.

Botham Jean

Eric Reason

Find ten friends in a state outside of Maryland. Call them on the phone or in a virtual chat and get them to get ten friends to register to vote and then follow that up with votes in November. Continue to make your voice heard. Do it because Black lives DO matter.

Michael Lorenzo Dean

Breonna Taylor

I say their names today so that they won't be forgotten. So that I won't forget.

Ahmaud Arbery

George Floyd

May you rest in peace.

Thank you.