Barkada, Chi Rho Omicron, and Pilipino American Studies Kollective
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On behalf of Barkada, Chi Rho Omicron Eta chapter, and the Pilipino-American Studies Kollective from Pomona we stand firmly in solidarity with the Black Community, the victims of police brutality, murder, and state-sanctioned violence. We condemn the propagation of any form of xenophobia, racism, microaggression, and hate towards any community. We would like to use our platform to spread awareness of injustice that has existed and continues to exist and express our heartbreak and anger over the recent events in regards to George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and countless victims of police brutality. As Pomona's Filipinx-American Student Alliance, we support the Black Lives Matter movement and demand an end to this injustice. Our purpose as a Filipinx-American Student Alliance is to be inclusive to all nationalities. The support for the Black Community is necessary. We must let our voices be heard.

Activist Desmond Tutu exclaimed, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

We will not tolerate this injustice. We will not stay silent. This anger is shared by us and millions of others. Too many black lives have been taken from us for far too long. Black lives deserve better, they deserve to be heard, and they deserve to be free from this violence. We all need to do better as a community and stand up for our brothers and sisters.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Riots are the language of the unheard."

As allies of Black Communities, we will not listen to the narratives told by the media or by the president, painting Black Lives Matter Movement as "thugs" or "criminals." We acknowledge that peaceful protests have been met with police aggression and legislative silence. We will listen and center black voices in how they choose to escalate their tactics and support those in need.

We should all be united and stand in solidarity with each other. We must address this anti-blackness and stand in solidarity together. We must fight for black liberation. If they are hurt, we are hurt. If they suffer, we suffer. If institutions can't see them, we must see them. If they can't hear them, we must listen to their cries for help. We must support them. We must stand with them. We must challenge the model minority myth. Justice for George Floyd. Justice for Ahmaud Arbery. Justice for Breonna Taylor. Justice for all victims of police brutality. We demand that Black Lives Matter.

Resources:

Petitions to Sign

- Color of Change - #JusticeforFloyd: Demand the officers who killed George Floyd are charged with murder.
    - Or Text FLOYD to 55156
- We the People - Justice for George Floyd
    - Make sure you confirm your signature by checking your email immediately after
- We the People - Raise the Degree
- change.org - Justice for George Floyd
- Color of Change - #JusticeforBre: Police officers who killed Breonna Taylor must be FIRED.
- Color of Change - #JusticeforAhmaud
- change.org - The Minneapolis Police Officers to be charged for murder after killing innocent black man
- change.org - Justice for Breonna Taylor
- moveon - #JusticeforBre: Police officers who killed Breonna Taylor must be FIRED

Where to Donate

- gofundme.com - Official George Floyd Memorial Fund
- Minnesota Freedom Fund
- Columbus Freedom Fund
- Black Visions Collective
- People's City Council Freedom Fund (LA)

Ways to Learn

- Learn About Black History and Activism
- Books by Black Activists
- Learn About Unconscious Bias
- Twitter Thread on why Protesters Attacked Target in MN
- Being Black and LGBTQ
- Twitter Thread of Documentaries
- Open Yale Course - African American History: From Emancipation to the Present
- Report: What Does it Take to Embed a Racial Equity & Inclusion Lens?
- Twitter Thread of Misinformation



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