

OPEN LETTER: LGBTQ Organizations Unite to Combat Racial Violence

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<https://bit.ly/LGBTQ-BLM-letter>

1. Here is the link to sign up if you have not lol already don't know the so. Please share it with others: <https://forms.gle/GG5GWXt4kK2GWzwL8>

Hearing the Queer Roots of Black Lives Matter

<https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/hearing-the-queer-roots-of-black-lives-matter-2e69834a65cd>

“When Patrisse Khan-Cullers, Opal Tometi, and Alicia Garza — the founders of the Black Lives Matter Movement (BLM) — collectively uttered the phrase “Black Lives Matter,” they helped to reignite the continued struggle for black freedom, liberation, and justice in the United States. As black feminists, they rooted their fight for freedom and liberation in an intersectional-justice praxis that disrupts the traditional framework of black activism — a framework that historically prioritized addressing racial injustice over and against gender injustice and sexual freedom; a framework, without question, that silenced and shunned “homosexuality” and openly gay activists across much of the twentieth century. As the black lesbian feminist Audre Lorde observes about the [1960's political climate](#): “The existence of Black lesbian and gay people were not even allowed to cross the public consciousness of Black America.” For black gays and lesbians who were “out” and desired liberated-public-political participation, the 1960's became, Lorde writes, not “a guide for living but a new set of shackles.”

Unlike the Black Freedom Movement of the 1950's and 1960's, BLM is inherently a movement sustained by a politics of blackness that is, Charlene Carruthers reminds us, [unapologetically feminist, womanist, and queer](#). However, it would be unwise to forget and ignore the black queer cultural and political context from which this movement emerges and rests upon. The political insurgency of BLM evokes the likes of earlier black queer activists — lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender activists of African descent — who, because of time and circumstance, spoke in various tones of [“how infinitely complex any move for liberation must be.”](#) Indeed, if one were to search for a historical context to understand the imperative and invaluable context of today's Black Lives Matter movement, then one would have to trace its legacies on the page as well as the stage. While Black Lives Matter — in all of its glory, rhetoric, and political praxis — very much disrupts anti-black publics, its living legacy as a contemporary political movement can be traced to black queer activism, writing and public speeches that book-end twentieth century US politics and freedom movements.”

Black Trans Women and Femmes Living and Leading Fiercely

The Agenda was created by a national coalition of TGNC leaders – primarily Black and brown trans folks - [Trans Agenda for Liberation](#)

Town Hall for TransMasculine People of Color 6/3 @7pm

Presented by TPOCC/ Black Trans Media and others

