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Statement of Solidarity and Call to Action from El Centro Chicano y Latino

CW: police brutality, death, violence...

To our Stanford Comunidad,

The recent murder of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis has attracted national media attention and is only the recent in a very long list of acts of violence against members of the Black community that rarely garner attention or justice. As with Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and countless others, these events continue to demonstrate the impact of systemic racism that jeopardizes Black lives on a nationwide level. The students and staff at El Centro Chicano y Latino stand in solidarity to speak out against the blatant police brutality, anti-Black culture, and institutionalized racism that give way to such acts of violence.

These issues are not new and we recognize the recent incidents only represent a small fraction of the violence the Black community faces, most of which remains unreported. We also know that the COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated the systemic inequities that Black people endure, and that it's becoming increasingly clear that we will likely not return to what we knew before as "normal."

We recognize the impact these events have had on our Black community at Stanford and especially our colleagues at BCSC and we stand ready to offer support. As such, non-Black students and staff here at El Centro are committed to take action against anti-Blackness within the non-Black Latinx community while being mindful to center the experience and needs of the Black community first and foremost.

To our non-Black Latinx folk, now is the time to stand in solidarity, support, and fight with our Black community. Below are resources compiled by our students, community members, and colleagues from across the centers for the purpose of processing and detailing an avenue of action for all who wish to offer their support in whatever capacity they are able. We urge our community members to engage and support to whatever capacity you are able to – get involved with local grassroots organizations, donate where you can, and encourage your family and friends to support as well.



Con Cariño y en Solidaridad,

El Centro Chicano y Latino

Ways to Support and Get Involved:

Demand the sentencing of the four police officers involved in George Floyd's murder.

- Call the following Minneapolis officials or [email them using this template](#):
 - Mayor Jacob Frey: (612) 673-2100
 - DA Mike Freeman: (612) 348-5550
 - Hennepin County Attorney Office: (612) 673-2100
- [Join a phone bank](#) organized by Stanford Students for Workers' Rights
- [Sign this petition](#) organized by color of change demanding the prosecution of the officers involved in the murder of George Floyd,

Donate to:

- [Minnesota Freedom Fund](#) (bail out for protesters)
<https://minnesotafreefund.org/donate>
- [Black Visions Collective](#) (QT & Black led organizing committee)
<https://secure.everyaction.com/4omQDAR0oUiUagTu0EG-Ig2>
- [Reclaim The Block](#) (Police divestment org in minneapolis)
<https://secure.everyaction.com/zae4prEeKESBy0MKXTIcQ2>
- [North Star Health Collective](#) (on the ground medical supplies and personnel) <https://www.northstarhealthcollective.org/donate>

Support Local Demands:

- Sign Reclaim the Block's petition urging MN city council to defund the police,
<https://secure.everyaction.com/eR7GA7oz70GL8doBq19LrA2>



- 26 Ways to be in the Struggle Beyond the Streets:
https://issuu.com/nlc.sf.2014/docs/beyondthestreets_final

On Campus Resources:

- Black Community Services Center (BCSC) - [Join The Diaspora listserv for updates.](#)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offer crisis counseling for urgent needs. Clinicians are always on call, even after hours, at (650) 723-3785
 - Black CAPS Counselors, LaWanda Hill, Danielle Amajoyi, and Sedale Williams are available through direct messaging on CAPS website.
- The Bridge Peer Counseling Center offers counseling by trained students 24/7 at (650) 723-3392.
- The Office for Religious Life offers spiritual guidance for students at (650) 723-1762.
 - Zoom Office Hours with Dr. Rania Awaad. [Sign up here](#)
- The Graduate Life Office is available during office hours at (650) 736-7078, or 24/7 at (650) 723-8222, pager ID number 25085

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