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Content warning: anti-Blackness, racism, police brutality

To our TGB and ASB community,

We want to acknowledge the hardships and challenges members may currently be enduring as a result of recent news surrounding the police brutalization and murder of Black people in the United States. We, as Alternative Breaks @ Stanford, stand against the systemic racism that has always existed and that is felt now especially. We do not and will not tolerate the hatred shown towards and injustices committed against Black people in this country. We mourn and remember the Black lives that have been lost, and we extend our condolences to the families and communities impacted. We say their names — George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and David McAtee, among others.

We acknowledge that the term "service" has historically invoked power imbalances at the intersection of class, gender, and race. As an organization dedicated to creating lasting change through service learning, we have remained and we will remain cognizant about humbly engaging with and learning from impacted communities. We are committed to creating a community in which everyone belongs.

We also wanted to provide a list of resources:

- Resources for self-care
  - [The Bridge Peer Resource Center](#)
  - [Counseling and Psychological Services](#)
  - Residence Dean on-call: +1-650-505-8022
  - Community Centers (office hours and emails of professional staff posted)
    - \* [Asian American Activities Center](#)
    - \* [Black Community Services Center](#)
    - \* [El Centro Chicano y Latino](#)
    - \* [Queer Student Resources](#)
    - \* [Native American Cultural Center](#)
    - \* [Women's Community Center](#)
    - \* [The Markaz: Muslim Resource Center](#)
- Resources if you are looking for ways to help
  - [Resources for Confronting Anti-Black Violence](#) (made by The Markaz, El Centro Chicano y Latino, Black ASSU Leadership, Bioscience De-

partment, Jewish Student Association, Students for a Sustainable Stanford, and Haas Center Peer Advisors)

- [External Action Guide](#) (made by Adam Nayak '22, Haas Peer Advisor)
- [Anti-Racism Learning resources](#) (made by Gileen Navarro '21, ASB participant 2018-2019)
- VPUE grassroots "teach in"

We understand that statements of solidarity do not directly address the current issues taking place across the nation. However, together, we can work towards creating a society that is more just and equitable. We at AB@S have historically been student-led, and we support students creating learning experiences for other Stanford students that bring to light the injustices and realities of our wider community. Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
AB@S Leadership 2019-2021