To the Stanford and global community:

The Jewish Student Association at Stanford stands in solidarity against the murders and brutalization of Black people in the United States, and in particular those at the hands of police officers who are sworn to protect those same people. We mourn the recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and Ahmaud Arbery, among countless others. We affirm that Black lives matter. We affirm our own commitment to antiracism and to the justice Black people in America have been denied since and before the founding of this country. We affirm our commitment to the work that Black leaders have taken up against white supremacy, and we commit to stand alongside them in this fight.

We want to explicitly stand with Black members of our community and the Black community as a whole. We are here to support in the ways that are most helpful, and we are taking action to educate ourselves. As a first step, members of the Jewish Student Association have donated and will donate to organizations such as The Anti Police-Terror Project (local to the Bay Area) and organizations that are local to our areas. We invite you, if you are able, to join us. Additionally, in recognizing that as allies it is also our responsibility to educate ourselves, we have begun turning to anti-racism resources and messages of solidarity from Jewish organizations.

The Black community has stood alongside us and many other communities in times of need. It is crucial that we stand alongside them. We hope to be effective and upstanding allies in this fight against racism. We stand against systemic racism in this country. We stand against police brutality. We stand against white supremacy. We commit ourselves to combating racism and anti-Blackness in our own communities and contributing to antiracist efforts ourselves.

In solidarity,

Stanford Jewish Student Association (JSA) Board Members