

To our Stanford community,

The Pilipinx American Student Union (PASU) stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement during this time of intense pain and tragedy. The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others have shown how police brutality and systemic racism are alive and well today, as they always have been -- and we condemn this. We mourn the loss of these individuals who have lost their lives to the hands of white supremacy in this country for centuries.

As an organization dedicated to fostering both community and political activism, **we recognize the many ways that our PASU community intersects with the Black community, both in our membership and in broader Pilipinx history.** It is integral to our mission as an organization to support these members of our community and fight alongside them to permanently eradicate racial injustice in all its forms. We believe that it is of utmost importance for us, as allies, to center the voices and the experiences of the Black community. **We are here to listen** to those who have fought for decades and have paved the way in this fight for justice.

We also acknowledge the ways that Pilipinx people, and Asian Americans broadly, have benefited not only from the model minority myth and structural anti-Blackness, but also from Black liberation movements that have greatly helped Pilipinx-Americans find justice in this country. We understand the way our issues are all connected, but **we fight in solidarity not because of these connections between Pilipinx and Black communities, but because Black lives matter regardless of the connections between our communities.** We condemn the actions of Tou Thao—an Asian-American police officer present at the murder of George Floyd—whose inaction was oppressive and perpetuated the structural violence and anti-Blackness created by prisons and the police. As an organization, we are aligned with the goals of abolition, not simply criminal justice reform.

We also recognize the validity and necessity of the protests that are occurring across the country, and PASU firmly supports these efforts to eradicate racism and condemn unjust killings. **To those attending protests, we support you and hope that you are able to stay safe.** However, we do not condone those who have taken advantage of these protests to enact further harm onto Black communities that are already suffering due to the impacts of the pandemic and these killings.

We cannot be silent when we are most needed to use our voices and privilege as Stanford students to condemn racism, especially that perpetuated by the Asian-American community. Alongside this, we must constantly challenge ourselves to learn, undo our own internalized anti-Blackness, and be better allies to the Black liberation movement each day.

We strongly encourage the Pilipinx-American and the broader API community to engage with resources to learn about Black liberation and Black history and contribute to the movement by donating, sharing resources, and holding conversations about anti-racism with friends and family. We have below a list of resources that include readings about Black history and the Black experience, places to financially contribute to, and material on how to combat anti-Blackness and endorse anti-racism within our communities.

Sincerely,
Your PASU Co-Chairs, Therese Santiago and Gileen Navarro

Ways to Support:

Say Their Names

George Floyd	Eric Garner	John Crawford III
Michael Brown	Laquan McDonald	Willie Tillman
Ezell Ford	George Mann	Demarcus Semer
Dante Parker	Tanisha Anderson	Mary Truxillo
Michelle Cusseaux	Akai Gurley	Kevin Hicks
Trayvon Martin	Tamir Rice	Darius Robinson
Nia Wilson	Rumain Brisbon	Torrey Robinson
Ahmaud Arbery	Jerame Reid	Peter Gaines
Oscar Grant	Matthew Ajibade	Marco Loud
Michael Brown	Frank Smart	Christopher Davis
Breonna Taylor	Natasha McKenna	Dyzhawn Perkins
Michael Lorenzo Dean	Tony Robinson	Calin Roquemore
Eric Reason	Anthony Hill	David Joseph
Christopher McCorvey	Mya Hall	Wendell Celestine
Christopher Whitfield	Phillip White	Antronie Scott
Atatiana Jefferson	Eric Harris	Randy Nelson
Dominique Clayton	Walter Scott	Janet Wilson
Pamela Turner	William Chapman II	Keth Childress Jr.
Botham Jean	Alexia Christian	Quintonio Legrier
Antwon Rose II	Brendon Glenn	Bettie Jones
Stephon Clark	Victor Manuel Larosa	Kevin Matthews
Ronell Foster	Jonathan Sanders	Michael Noel
Aaron Bailey	Freddie Blue	Miguel Espinal
Jordan Edwards	Joseph Mann	Benni Lee Tignor
Alteria Woods	Salvado Ellswood	Nathaniel Harris Pickett
Paul O'Neal	Sandra Bland	Richard Perkins
Terence Crutcher	Albert Joseph Davis	Dyzhawn Perkins
Philando Castile	Darius Stewart	Calin Roquemore
Alton Sterling	Billy Ray Davis	David Joseph
Sylville Smith	Samuel Dubose	Wendell Celestine
Terrill Thomas	Michael Sabbie	Antronie Scott
Willie Tillman	Brian Keith Day	Randy Nelson
Demarcus Semer	Christian Taylor	Janet Wilson
Mary Truxillo	Troy Robinson	Keth Childress Jr.
Kevin Hicks	Asshams Pharoah Manley	Quintonio Legrier
Darius Robinson	Felix Kumi	Bettie Jones
Torrey Robinson	Keith Harrison Mcleod	Kevin Matthews
Peter Gaines	Junior Prosper	Michael Noel
Marco Loud	Lamontez Jones	Miguel Espinal
Christopher Davis	Patterson Brown	Benni Lee Tignor
Michaels Lee Marshall	Dominic Hutchinson	Nathaniel Harris Pickett
Jamar Clark	Anthony Ashford	Richard Perkins
India Kager	Alonzo Smith	
La'vante Biggs	Tyree Crawford	

Learn more:

- [Letters for Black Lives, Translated into Tagalog](#)
- [Black and Asian-American Feminist Solidarity Reading List](#) from Black Women Radicals and the Asian American Feminist Collective.
- [20 Allyship actions for Asians to show up for the Black community right now](#) by Michelle Kim of Awaken.
- [Black History Month Library](#)

Donate:

- Donate to your local community bail fund or any other mutual aid group that supports this movement!
- [Spreadsheet of Places to Donate](#)
- [George Floyd Memorial Fund](#)
- [I Run with Maud - Justice for Aumad Abe Fundraiser](#)
- [National Bail Out Fund - Free Black Mamas 2020](#)
- [Louisville Community Bail Fund](#)
- [National Alliance Against Racist & Police Repression \(NAARPR\)](#)
- [Color of Change Donations and Petitions](#)

Take Action:

- [More Ways to Help!](#)
- [Justice for Breonna Taylor Petition](#)
- Text "Justice" to 55156 to demand that the District Attorneys George Barnhill and Jackie Johnson are removed from office
- Text FLOYD to 55156 to demand that the officers that murdered George Floyd are charged with Murder.
- Text ENOUGH to 55156 to demand justice; Breonna Taylor's killers have not been fired or charged.
- [Call/Email these people to Demand Justice](#)
- Send it to: police@minneapolismn.gov
- How to stay safe before, during, and after protests: [blm.help](#)

Hashtags: #BlackLivesMatter #BLM #GeorgeFloyd #NoJusticeNoPeace #Filipinx4BlackLives #Asians4BlackLives #SayTheirNames