

Context: George Floyd, 6/2/20

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Subject Line: Stanford Queer & Asian Statement of Solidarity (CW: racial violence)

June 2, 2020

Dear Stanford Community,

In light of recent events, we share in the immense pain caused by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Toni McDade, David McAtee, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless other Black folks. We wholeheartedly stand with the Black community in the fight against anti-Blackness, and are committed to helping turn this moment into real change.

We call on our members, and all non-Black POC and queer folks, to seriously look inward and take action. Many Asian Americans benefit from the same structures that were designed to oppress Black folks, and occupy spaces where Black folks have long been intentionally excluded. We cannot denounce racism without recognizing these privileges. Further, **to not take action now as individuals and a community to dismantle these structures is to endorse this continued oppression.**

We are also mindful that much of the progress we have enjoyed as queer folks owes to the work of **Black queer and trans activists** of generations past, including Marsha P. Johnson and others. This is especially on our minds at the beginning of Pride Month, as Pride started over half a century ago as a movement led by Black folks and other POC. **Their sacrifices have affirmed our existence and made many of the spaces we rely on possible.** Empowered by this history, it remains as important as ever to give back and fight for justice in every way possible.

With this in mind, we have included a non-exhaustive list below of places to support with donations, and resources for further learning. We emphasize the need to actively interrogate anti-Blackness in our own communities and homes, as no voice is unimportant. While it is our obligation to stay informed, we also invite dialogue and suggestions on how we can be better. **We also vow to continue an active fight for Black liberation even when it does not make the headlines, because this effort cannot be temporary.**

In love and solidarity,

Stanford Queer and Asian

RESOURCES

Compiled Resources

[Black Lives Matter Card](#) (easily navigable ways to support)

[Take Action Against Anti-Blackness](#) (petitions and places to support)

[Guide to Allyship](#) (timeline of events, includes petitions and resources)

More Places to Donate

[Local Bail Funds](#) (find national and local bail funds)

[Community Bail Funds](#) (splits donations between 39 bail funds)

[Black Visions Collective](#) (Black QT-led org fighting systems of oppression and violence)

[Campaign Zero](#) (research and policy campaign to end police violence)

Other Ways to Support

[Color of Change](#): (active online campaigns and petitions)

[Phone Banking with Stanford Students for Workers' Rights](#)

[Template for Advocating for Academic Accommodations, especially for Black students](#)

To Learn More

[Anti-racist reading list](#) (from NYT)

[Black trans women and Pride](#) (from USA Today)