Stanford University A3C Statement

Content warning: racial violence

The Asian American Activities Center (A3C) staff are outraged by the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the Minnesota police. We recognize his death is not an isolated event but one in a long history of racial violence that has claimed countless Black lives. The staff of A3C stand in solidarity with the Black community on campus and nationally and raise our voices to demand justice for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and far too many others.

The foundations of economic and political power in this country were built and rest on systemic, institutionalized anti-Black racism and white supremacy. As Asian Americans, we recognize that, as people of color, our struggle for equality is tied to the struggle to dismantle anti-Black racism. Gains made by our communities have been the direct result of Black liberation and civil rights movements. Now more than ever we need to stand for Black lives. We cannot remain silent, especially when one of the officers responsible for George Floyd's death is Asian American. We must act against anti-Black racism.

We acknowledge the impact of recent events on students and colleagues in the Black community on campus and at the Black Community Services Center in particular. We are here for you and will work within our communities to build solidarity and end anti-Blackness, whether in our families, communities or larger society.

In solidarity
Asian American Activities Center

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:
 - o Mayor Jacob Frey: (612) 673-2100
 - o DA Mike Freeman: (612) 348-5550
 - Hennepin County Attorney Office: (612) 673-2100
- Join a phone bank organized by Stanford Students for Workers' Rights
- <u>Sign this petition</u> 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://minnesotafreedomfund.org/donate

- <u>Black Visions Collective</u> (QT & Black led organizing committee) https://secure.everyaction.com/4omQDAR0oUiUagTu0EG-lg2
- <u>Reclaim The Block</u> (Police divestment org in minneapolis) https://secure.everyaction.com/zae4prEeKESHBy0MKXTIcQ2
- 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) <u>Join The Diaspora listsery for updates.</u>
- Asian American Activities Center office hours: a3c.stanford.edu
- 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.
 - o Asian American counselor available by appointment: Helen Hsu
- 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.
 - o 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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