

June 4, 2020

Solidarity Letter from the Immigrant Justice Movement

Breonna Taylor. Ahmaud Arbery. Tony McDade. George Floyd. Yassin Mohamed. Finan Berhe. Across the country, people of conscience are saying 'Black Lives Matter!' 'Enough is Enough!' in our grief and rage. From Emmett Till to Trayvon Martin to Rodney King, Latasha Harlins to Sandra Bland, we bear witness to the injustice, to the pain and rage of our Black brothers and sisters. For too long, we have lived within a system that perpetuates institutional and direct violence against Black people. We reject this anti-Black violence, and demand justice.

White supremacist institutions and the historical criminalization and overpolicing of Black communities have led to heavily militarized police forces and a system that uses prison beds as a form of punishment and social control but denies people an opportunity, a job, an education, healthcare, or equal access to thrive. These are the same systems that enable the for-profit incarceration of humans, and trigger discrimination against Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

Historically we have repeatedly seen massive transfers of wealth from communities of color to corporations. In the midst of a global health pandemic, this racialized inequality has only increased - corporations have been given billions of dollars while millions of Americans are not able to have their basic health care and economic needs met. Communities of color are left struggling to pay for food and rent, and in the case of many immigrants, excluded from federal relief packages altogether.

When asked to do more for Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities, state and local governments claim budget shortfalls. Yet they either maintain or increase inflated and unnecessary police budgets. We know that support systems, services, quality housing and dignified jobs are what keeps our communities safe, not law enforcement. The recent violence directed at protestors has shown that the police state values property over the lives of people they've sworn to serve.

In order for resources to be brought back to communities, governments at all levels must divest from harmful institutions such as the prison industrial complex, surveillance, and policing. We call on governments to instead invest these funds in basic needs like

quality housing and education, financial and economic support, climate justice, healthcare for all, and mental health support.

As immigrant justice organizations and ally organizations, we commit to:

- Standing in solidarity with Black communities to demand justice by advocating for their recommendations and solutions.
- Working to dismantle white supremacy, white nationalism, and the anti-Blackness that permeates our society, including within the immigrant justice movement.
- Joining the calls to dismantle the police state by defunding and decreasing police budgets.
- Demanding governments invest in communities by increasing funding for housing, education, healthcare, and other supports.
- Demanding a COVID 19 recovery and reconstruction that benefits communities, not corporations.
- Denouncing the use of criminalization and militarization as a response to people's pain and people demanding more change.
- Rejecting the "national security" frame and redefining "public safety" so that it truly means communities -- including Black communities -- are free to live without fear of being killed.

Just as COVID-19 has taught us that we are interconnected, our collective well-being depends on all of us being healthy and safe, not criminalized and dehumanized. We grieve with our Black neighbors, and are committed to building a country where Black Lives Matter.

Signed by the following Immigrant Justice Organizations and Ally Organizations:

Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors

Advocate Visitors with Immigrants in Detention in the Chihuahuan Desert (AVID)

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality

African Family Health Organization (AFAHO)

Alabama State Association of Cooperatives

Alianza Americas

Alianza Comunitaria

Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
Alianza Sacramento
Alliance for African Assistance
Alliance of Baptists
Alliance San Diego
Allies to End Detention
Aloha Immigration
America's Voice
American Friends Service Committee
Arab American Civic Council
Arab-American Family Support Center
Arise
Arise Chicago
Arkansas United
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Asian Americans United
Asian Community Development Council
ASISTA
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project
Asylum Sponsorship Project
Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park
Bangladeshi American Women's Development Initiative (BAWDi)
Baton Rouge Immigrants' Rights Coalition
Beacon UU Congregation
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action, Southern California
Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh (BCAP)
Blessed Dorothy Day Mission
Borough of Manhattan Community College
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council

Buen Vecino
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC
California Immigrant Policy Center
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC
California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice (CCIJ)
California Food Policy Advocates
California for Progress
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Primary Care Association
California WIC Association
CALMA-Collective Action for Laborers, Migrants & Asylum Seekers
Cameroon American Council
Campaign for Immigrant Detention Reform (CIDR)
Campesinos Sin Fronteras
Cape Cod Coalition for Safe Communities
Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition
CASA
Casa de la Cultura
Casa San Jose
Catholic Social Services
Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico
Catholic Legal Services
Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami
Catholic Migration Services, Inc.
Causa Oregon
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
Center for Health Progress
Center for Immigrant Progress
Center for Workers' Rights
Center of Excellence for Immigrant Child Health and Wellbeing at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals
Central American Resource Center - CARECEN - of California
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.

Centro del Inmigrante, Inc.
Centro Legal de la Raza
ChICCCAA
Children's Defense Fund - Texas
Chinatown Community Development Center
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Immigration Legal Counsel
Chula Vista Partners in Courage
Church World Service
Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
Clinica Sierra Vista
Coalición de Migrantes Mexicanos
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Coalition of African Communities - AFRICOM
Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers (Coalition OC)
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Colorado People's Alliance (COPA)
Columbus Free Press
Community Action Marin
Community Catalyst
Community Change Action
Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County
Community Clinic Consortium
Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education
Community Health Center Network
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto
Concerned Taxpayers of Frederick County
Congregation Action Network
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Cosecha Merced
Council on American-Islamic Relations - Greater Los Angeles Area (CAIR-LA)
Council on American Islamic Relations - Sacramento Valley / Central California
Council on American-Islamic Relations - San Diego

Council on American-Islamic Relations - San Francisco Bay Area (CAIR-SFBA)
Counsel for Justice AIDS Legal Services Project, Los Angeles
Courage California
CRLA Foundation
Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus
Daya Inc.
Define American
Democracy at Work Institute
Detention Watch Network
Diringer and Associates
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries
Dolores Street Community Services
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, WI
DREAM Iowa
Dream Team Los Angeles DTLA
DreamActivist Ohio
DRUM - Desis Rising Up & Moving
East Valley Community Health Center
Education and Leadership Foundation (ELF)
El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos
El Centro, Inc.
El Sereno Organizing Committee
Emerald Isle Immigration Center
Employee Rights Center
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
Equality Labs
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
EVCHC
Families Belong Together
FamilyWorks
Farmworker Association of Florida
Farmworker Justice
Filipino Migrant Center

FIRM Action
First Friends of NJ & NY
First United Methodist Church of La Grange
Florida Health Justice Project
Florida People's Advocacy Center
Food Empowerment Project
Four Freedoms Fund
FPPS
Free Migration Project
Freedom for Immigrants
From Here & With Wings and Roots
Fuerza Migrante
Gabriela South Bay
Gender Violence Immigration Clinic, Seattle University School of Law
Gente Organizada
Grace Leadership Foundation, Inc.
Greater Cleveland Immigrant Support Network
Grupo de Apoyo e Integración Hispanoamericano
H-CAN Immigration and Refugee Group
Haitian Bridge Alliance
Havertown-area Community Action Network Immigration and Refugees group
Health Law Advocates
HIAS Pennsylvania
Hilltown Community Health Center
Holdenried Law Office
Holy Cross Retreat Center
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative (HILSC)
Howard Brown Health
Howard County (MD) Coalition for Immigrant Justice
Human Rights First
ICE Out of Marin
ICE Out of Merced
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Immigrant Advocacy Project
Immigrant ARC
Immigrant Defenders Law Center
Immigrant Defense Project
Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement
Immigrant Justice Network
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Immigrant Legal Defense
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Immigrant Rights Clinic of Washington Square Legal Services
Immigrant Rights Clinic, UCI School of Law
Immigrants Rising
Immigration Center of San Bernardino
Immigration Hub
Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy
Immigration Task Force, Forest Hill Church
Immigration Working Group CLE
IMPRINT
Indivisible
Indivisible Conejo
Indivisible Sausalito
Indivisible Ventura
Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective
Inland Empire United
Innovation Law Lab
InquilinosUnidos
Instituto Laboral de la Raza
Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity
International Community Health Services
International Institute of Akron
International Rescue Committee
InterReligious Task Force on Central America

InterReligious Task Force On Central America and Colombia (IRTF Cleveland)
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement
Jetpac
JFA
Juntos
Justice in Motion
Kentucky Equal Justice Center
Khmer Girls in Action
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Inc.
KIWA (Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance)
Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Inc.
La Conexion
La Raza Centro Legal, Inc
LA RED - Faith in Action
La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)
Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Latina Republic
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
Law Office of Fabiola A. Navarro
Law Office of Vanessa Frank
Law Offices of Jose Perez PC
Legal Aid at Work
Legal Aid Justice Center
Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church
Linn County Rapid Response Coalition (OR)
Literacy Assistance Center
Living United for Change in Arizona - LUCHA
Long Beach Area Peace Network
Long Beach Forward
Long Beach Sanctuary Coalition
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
MALO - Motivating Action Leadership Opportunity
Maryland Against ICE Detention

Maryland Legislative Coalition
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Maternal and Child Health Access
Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Hawai'i
Mi Familia Vota
Michigan League for Public Policy
Mid-South Immigration Advocates
Migrant Justice
Mobilization for Justice
Montgomery County Education Forum (MCEF)
Morningstar United Methodist Church - Las Cruces, NM
Mother and Community Member
Motivation Motivates
MPower Change
Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault
Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Youth Law
National Council for Occupational Safety and Health
National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (National COSH)
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans
National Council of Jewish Women
National Employment Law Project
National Health Law Program
National Human Services Assembly
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG)
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Partnership for New Americans
Nationalities Service Center
Nebraska Appleseed

NEMS
Neta
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Never Again Action - Los Angeles
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
New Mexico Immigrant Law Center
New Mexico State University
New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice
New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia
New Sanctuary Network Tulsa
New York Immigration Coalition
New York Public Library
New York Taxi Workers Alliance
New Mexico Comunidades en Accion y de Fe - CAFE
NorCal Resist
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (NMCIR)
Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA)
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Northwest Workers' Justice Project
NW Indiana Resistance
Oasis Legal Services
Ohio Immigrant Alliance
OneAmerica
oneTILT
OPAWL
Open Society Foundations
Orange County Justice Fund
Oregon Pediatric Society, Lane County Medical Society
Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc.
Pangea Legal Services
PASOs
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
Philadelphia Language Justice Collective

PICO California
Pittsburgh Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Poder Latinx
Poligon Education Fund
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Project South
Promesa Boyle Heights
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator
Public Counsel
Public Justice Center
Public Law Center
Puentes de Salud
Queer Detainee Empowerment Project
Quixote Center
R.A.C.E. Matters San Luis Obispo
RAICES
Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance
Rian Immigrant Center (formerly the Irish International Immigrant Center)
RITA
Riverside Language Program
Riverside Language Program, Inc.
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Rosie's Place
Rural Coalition
Safe Passage Project
San Bernardino Community Service Center, Inc
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium
Sanctuary DMV
Santa Fe Dreamers Project
Secure Justice
SEIU-United Service Workers West
Service Employees International Union
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN)
Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation

Showing Up for Racial Justice - Montgomery County, MD
Sige! - LGBTQIA+ Filipinos
Siloam Health
SIREN (Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network)
Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI)
Sisters of Charity, BVM
Somos un Pueblo Unido
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
South Bay People Power
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network
Southern Border Communities Coalition
St. Francis Community Services
Stone Grzegorek & Gonzalez LLP
Tahirih Justice Center
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)
The Advocates for Human Rights
The Alliance
The Big Good
The Century Foundation
The Children's Partnership

The Children's Clinic, "Serving Children and Their Families" dba TCC Family Health
The Children's Partnership
The Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy and Innovation
The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project
The Resurrection Project, Chicago
The Wage Justice Center
The Welcome Project
TODEC Legal Center
UCLA Labor Center
UndocuBlack Network
UndocuCarolina
Unidad Latina en Acción CT

UnidosUS
Unitarian Universalist Refugee & Immigrant Services & Education
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
United Church of Christ
United Nations Association Bronx Chapter
United We Dream
University YMCA - New American Welcome Center
UPLIFT LA
VELA
Venice Family Clinic
Ventura County Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (VC CLUE)
Voces de la Frontera
Watsonville Law Center
WeCount!
Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians
Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge and Services, WORKS
Workers Center of Central New York
Workers Defense Project
Worksafe
World Education Services
Yemeni Alliance Committee
You Are Not Alone (YANA)
Youth Justice Coalition