

# We stand with Detroit protesters demanding an end to racism and police violence.



**WE FURTHER CALL FOR AN END TO GENTRIFICATION OF OUR CITY AND AN END TO WATER SHUTOFFS.**

**Since the murder of George Floyd on May 25 by Derek Chauvin, we have seen an unprecedented outpouring of grief and rage. Across the globe, people have come into the streets to say, "Enough!"**

They are insisting that the racist police violence and terror that uphold white supremacy must end. Across the U.S., people are discussing demilitarizing, dismantling and defunding police departments. Cities and states are beginning the process of redirecting funds from bloated police budgets to agencies and programs that will provide urgent resources for social sup-

port programs. Many changes that seemed impossible only a few weeks ago are already being implemented in some cities.

These changes that so many have called for over many years are being made possible by the courage, imagination and determination of thousands of young people who have decided to risk everything for justice and liber-

ation. They have our love, admiration and support. We know that by participating in this uprising, many Detroit activists are putting themselves and their families at risk of illness from COVID-19, police harassment, brutality and arrests. They are standing boldly to demand changes that will ensure justice, make our streets safer for everyone and improve the overall quality

of life in our City. We hold these organizers in our hearts. They are not alone. They represent our neighborhoods and our ethnic and religious organizations. They speak for all of us who recognize the righteousness of their efforts.

This generation's movement against police violence continues the legacy of Black resistance to racist oppression

of all forms. This is not a passing of the torch, but a continuation of the struggle. It is a momentous time of intergenerational, multi-racial unity and collaboration that defends our human rights, rejects outdated, repressive institutions and opens up the possibilities to shape our communities in ways that will allow everyone to enjoy freedom and peace.

## WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ENDORSE THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

### 1 Defund the Police.

Transfer funds from police operations to agencies and programs that provide needed social services for the community, including:

- Provisions to end crisis of homelessness
- A pro-active, public-facing Office of Disability Affairs
- Mental health assistance
- Drug addiction recovery
- Domestic violence relief
- Cultural activities and counseling for school children

### 2 Demilitarize the Police.

Discontinue police use of military equipment (riot gear, gases, pepper spray, tanks, cell phone tracking, rubber bullets, surveillance helicopters).

### 3 Make Detroit a Sanctuary City.

### 4 Disband the DPSCD-Police Command Center

that polices our school children and community and implements the school-to-prison pipeline.

### 5 End Project Green Light,

real-time crime centers, facial recognition technology, and all forms of police surveillance of private citizens.

### 6 Drop all charges and citations against protesters; cancel and refund all related fees.

Also drop the unjust citations imposed on Detroiters during the "stay-at-home" order. Cancel and refund all related fees.

### 7 Suspend eviction orders related to the ongoing pandemic.

### 8 Restore and maintain safe, affordable water to all Detroiters.

### 9 Establish a Citizens Task Force

of BLM activists and community leaders review long standing policing and legal problems, including: Police immunity, cash bail, pre-trial detention, police residency in Detroit, consistent public reporting of prosecutions of police misconduct, brutality and murder.

### 10 Implement a newly envisioned and organized peacekeeping force overseen by the Citizens Task Force.

Ensure budgetary transparency concerning defunding and demilitarization. Issue public reports to show reassignment of funds to social services and agencies.

- African Diaspora Ancestral Commemoration Institute
- Allied Media Projects (AMP)
- Anakbayan Detroit
- Birwood House
- Black & Brown Alliance of the Metro Detroit
- Democratic Socialists of America
- Black Legacy Coalition
- Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100) Detroit Chapter
- Broadside Lotus Press
- Citizens Resistance at Fermi II (CRAFT)
- Community Movement Builders
- Detroit Action
- Detroit and Michigan Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild
- Detroit Black Community Food Security Network
- Detroit Community Technology Project
- Detroit Council of Elders
- Detroit Disability Power
- Detroit Equity Action Lab (DEAL)
- Detroit Independent Freedom Schools (DIFS)
- Detroit IPTV
- Detroit is Different
- Detroit Justice Center
- Detroit People's Water Board Coalition
- East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC)
- FoodLab Detroit
- Freedom Freedom
- Frontline Detroit
- General Baker Institute
- Hush House Black Community Museum and Leadership Training Institute for Human Rights
- James and Grace Lee Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership
- Keep the Vote No Takeover
- La'De Girls Mentoring
- MADE Institute
- Malaya Detroit
- Malcolm X Grassroots Movement
- Mama Akua House
- Michigan Coalition for Human Rights
- Michigan Coalition on Black Civic Participation
- Michigan Community Resources
- Michigan Liberation
- Michigan National Organization for Women
- Michigan Progress
- Michigan Roundtable
- Michigan Voices
- Michigan Welfare Rights Organization
- Million Man Alumni Association
- MLK Committee Detroit
- Moratorium Now
- Mothering Justice
- National Council of Black Lawyers
- New African People's Organization
- North End Woodward Community Coalition
- Organization for Pan-African Justice & Unity
- Pride Source Media Group
- Restaurant Opportunities Centers Action
- Rising Voices of Asian American Families
- Riverwise Magazine
- Seasoned Indigo Sisterhood
- The Shed at Martz Park
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Detroit
- Storehouse of Hope Emergency Food Pantry
- Truthtelling from Ferguson and Beyond
- University of Michigan Semester in Detroit
- We The People of Detroit
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- Women's Delegation for Peace and Change
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Detroit Branch