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SEATTLE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS UNITE AGAINST RACISM

Seattle, WA - In a show of solidarity, Seattle communities of color and social justice organizations condemn acts of injustice against minority communities and encourage acts of unity.

We are at a crucial and painful time in American history. National rhetoric is emboldening overt and violent acts of racism. The senseless killings of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis, **Ahmaud Arbery** in Georgia, **Breonna Taylor** in Kentucky, have put a spotlight on police and community violence against African Americans. The pandemic has magnified inequities in communities of color, and discrimination against Asians and Asian Americans continues to be on the rise. Minority-owned businesses are being disproportionately impacted – shuttered and shattered – due to the pandemic and ongoing unrest.

We also unite in memory of **John T. Williams**, a native American woodcarver unjustifiably shot by a Seattle officer in 2010. We remember **Pam Waechter**, murdered in the 2006 Seattle Jewish Federation shootings, Muslim Americans targeted after 9-11, and the 2018 assault on Burien's first Latino mayor **Jimmy Matta**. Together, we demand safety and justice.

Collectively, we call on our local and regional leaders to take immediate action to stop these injustices. In 2016, Che Taylor, an African American, was killed by Seattle police. This led to the passage of a 2018 Washington state bill aimed at making it easier to prosecute police officers over misuse of deadly force. We've seen what our collective voice can do. Now let's take action and require police to prioritize investigation of verbal attacks and harassment against communities of color, as in the case of school teacher, **Kert Lin**.

It is important that we promote trust and support among our very own communities. To promote racial equity, we are encouraging our members to take the following actions:

- Call out systemic and interpersonal racism whenever we see it
- Add our voices to sister organizations when called upon
- Support and donate to community organizations for social justice causes
- Be counted in the U.S. Census to provide community funding
- Vote/Register to Vote: Your vote can make a difference

SHOW UP. BE HEARD. BE BOLD.

In Peace & Unity,

American Romanian Cultural Society Asia Pacific Cultural Center Call of Compassion Northwest Casa Latina Chief Seattle Club
Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Seattle Lodge El Centro De La Raza Ethnic Business Coalition Ethnic Heritage Council
Interfaith Community Sanctuary Interim CDA Japanese American Citizens League, Seattle Japanese Cultural & Community Center of WA
John T. Williams Organizing Committee Korematsu Center Minidoka Pilgrimage Northwest African American Museum
One America Urban Impact Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle Wing Luke Museum



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