



Black Lives Matter

UBC Sororities stand in solidarity with the black community at UBC, in Vancouver, in Canada, and on a global scale. We are mourning the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Regis Korchinski-Paquet, and countless members of the black community who have lost their lives to police brutality and systemic racism.

We condemn these atrocities committed by people in positions of power and acknowledge that these situations continue to be charged by anti-blackness and systemic racism. Although it may manifest in different ways, this is something that is ever present in our country, our society, and our community.

We urge you to make it your personal goal, today and everyday, to be a voice and an ally for black people and people of colour. We still have a great deal of work to do in order to be good allies, and we as an organization are constantly looking to grow, improve, and learn. As people in positions to effect change and lead by example, we have a responsibility to listen to black people and intervene when they are faced with acts of racism. We encourage our members to tailor our actions towards this, educate ourselves, and constantly denounce the long-brewing anti-blackness and racism in the Greek community, as historically, sororities have not always upheld racial justice nor supported non-white individuals.

To our black members: we see you, we hear you, and we stand with you. We are taking this time to reflect on how we can better support you. We care about your health, wellbeing, safety, and the right to exist and live free from racism and injustice. We hope you are adequately supported by those around you in this difficult time and we recommend these additional wellness resources:

- Black Mental Health Alliance:
<https://blackmentalhealth.com/connect-with-a-therapist/>
- Distress services in BC:
<https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/distress-services/>
- Crisis Service Canada:
<https://www.crisisservicescanada.ca/en/>
- Campus Lightbox (has a list of mental health support resources for UBC students):
<https://campuslightbox.com/>

There are many more ways that we can fight against racial injustice and to support the broader Black Lives Matter movement locally and on a world-wide scale. We have gathered a few of the helpful initiatives that you can support and donate to:

Donate:

- Hogan's Alley Society:
<https://www.hogansalleysociety.org/donations/696/>
- Black Lives Matter Vancouver:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/blmvan>
- Black Lives Matter:
https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ms_blm_homepage_2019
- George Floyd Memorial Fund:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd>
- Justice for Regis Korchinski-Paquet:
<https://ca.gofundme.com/f/justice-for-regis>

- North Star Health Collective:
<https://www.northstarhealthcollective.org>
- Campaign Zero:
<https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision>

Sign Petitions:

- Colour of Change:
https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/justiceforfloyd_george_floyd_minneapolis
- #WeCantBreathe:
<https://www.wecantbreathenational.org>
- Stand With Bre:
<https://www.standwithbre.com>
- Justice for Big Floyd:
<https://www.justiceforbigfloyd.com>

UBC Sororities will be donating \$1000 to [Hogan's Alley Society](#), a non-profit organization named after Vancouver's only historically black neighbourhood. Hogan's Alley Society advocates for the acknowledgment & preservation of black culture and contributions all over British Columbia. We urge our members and those in our community to act and speak up so that we as a whole can amplify black voices, create systematic change, and put an end to racism and injustice.

We apologize for the negligence in delaying this statement and showing our solidarity and we recognize that in a time like this we needed to do better. As a community of sorority women, it is the responsibility of every member to respect and live by our ethical standards on diversity, respect, integrity, loyalty, collaboration, and development, in order to ensure a positive Panhellenic experience for every woman. We encourage you to provide suggestions on how we can do better to use our platform to end racism & injustice by directly emailing us at ubcsinfo@gmail.com.

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In solidarity,
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