

Associated Students of Irvine Valley College (ASIVC)



Hello IVC Community and community at large,

Under unfortunate circumstances we write to you with deep frustration, anger and in solidarity with the protest against the mistreatment and abuse of Black people in our community and across this nation. On May 25th 2020, an African American man named George Floyd was murdered by Police in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Heart breaking incidents such as these rooted in institutionalized systematic oppression of Black people resulting in police brutality and discrimination happen everyday in the United States and enough is enough.

As student leaders and fellow activists representing the Associated Students of Irvine Valley College (ASIVC), we want to reassure members of the Black community here in Irvine and across this nation we stand in solidarity with you. As student leaders and fellow activists we want to reassure you that your lives matter, that Black Lives Matter. As student leaders and fellow activists we encourage all IVC students, Black and non-Black, to utilize your voices and stand in solidarity with the protest demanding the end to police violence in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and all across the United States.

We ask that when participating in demonstrations, please continue to practice social distancing as the stay at home order is still in place in the state of California. We stand together to continue our support for the Black Lives Matter movement and our Black community here at IVC. You matter, and your powerful voices matter. If you have the means, consider making a donation to George Floyd's family to show your support during this time (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd>) and/or the Minnesota Freedom Fund (<https://minnesotafreedomfund.org>).

Lastly, rejoice in the words of the long term activist, Congressman John Lewis as he states, "I know your pain, your rage, your sense of despair and hopelessness. Justice has, indeed, been denied for far too long. Rioting, looting, and burning is not the way. Organize. Demonstrate. Sit-in. Stand-up. Vote. Be constructive, not destructive". Remember buildings will be rebuilt but lives cannot be revived, vote in campus elections, local elections, county elections, state elections and all elections to turn our visions into reality.

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In Solidarity,

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