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To the California State University Community

From the CSU Police Chiefs

Standing in Unity

Our hearts are heavy as we process the tragic death of George Floyd, a man who was killed while in the custody of Minneapolis police officers last week. The actions of the officers captured during the video are deeply disturbing. Many of our community members are justifiably outraged, and so are we.

All 23 police chiefs for the CSU campuses across California are united in denouncing excessive use of force and lack of due care for human life. We send our sincerest condolences to Mr. Floyd’s family and loved ones.

Mr. Floyd’s death is one of many incidents that has prompted conversations surrounding our country’s deep-rooted history in racism, power, and oppression -- especially in our African-American/Black community. We hear our nation calling out for justice and equity, and we are listening. However, we understand that it is not enough to listen. Addressing these critical issues will require action by everyone, including law enforcement.

With that said, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering a culture that prioritizes compassion and care for all. The law enforcement oath to protect and serve is a responsibility we take seriously, as we hold ourselves to a higher standard to build trust in our communities. We will continue to engage in open dialogue, review our practices, revise our training, improve our cultural education, enforce accountability, collaborate with our community leaders, and maintain transparency.

We will not waiver in our mission to preserve the rights of all who peacefully assemble. We are inspired by our communities, cities, and nation using their presence and voices to safeguard the sacred rights and dignity of all human beings. We stand with you in unity.

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