



Resolution #20-6-01

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK LIVES MATTER
AND SYSTEMIC RACIAL JUSTICE REFORM**

WHEREAS, on May 25th, 2020, George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, was murdered while being restrained by four Minneapolis, Minnesota Police Officers, and according to both reports and video evidence, one of the officers knelt on Mr. Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds while Mr. Floyd was handcuffed, lying face down on the street, and pleading to breathe 11 times before losing consciousness, and while the officers standing by failed to intervene or prevent Mr. Floyd's murder at the behest of bystanders and the Minneapolis Police Department failed to act on this murder until 4 days after the fact; and

WHEREAS, the murder sparked national and global outrage, and reports indicate as of June 1, 2020, there were protests in more than 360 cities nationwide and in all 50 states, and tens of thousands of protestors have been faced with brutality and violence, and according to the [Mapping Police Violence Database](#), there have been 1,099 people killed by police in 2019, of whom 24% were Black, and Black victims were 3 times more likely to be killed by police than White victims, 1.3 times less likely to be armed than White victims, and over 99% of officer-related deaths that occurred between 2013 and 2019 did not result in a conviction; and

WHEREAS, Black lives stolen by police violence have continued unabated and unpunished for decades, and further, Mr. Floyd's death is another painful example of the systematic and institutional racism in America, and according to Martin Luther King Jr. in the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere;" and the Democratic Party platform states, "We will push for a societal transformation to make it clear that Black Lives Matter and that there is no place for racism in our country;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County stands with the Black community and all people of color who are unjustly affected by police abuse and violence, and requires all candidates vying for endorsement to commit to enacting policies, within their respective office's purview within their first term and during their first year, that promote racial equity. Such commitments will include mandatory, regular diversity & sensitivity training, trauma and use of force training, de-escalation and racial bias training, a commitment to review and push for diversity

in hiring, a commitment to implement community policing policies; and in schools, implicit bias curricula and addressing the school-to-prison pipeline; and in county government, mental health resources for Black communities and communities of color; and other policies that substantively uplift racial minorities and promote racial equity;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County condemns the historic racist policing of black communities, racial profiling, the systemic practice of police brutality, the murder of black lives, a militarized police force, the slow and callous reaction of the authorities, the lack of individual and departmental accountability, and the calling of the Armed Forces into civilian population.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Democratic Party of Orange County affirms its expectation for civilian oversight boards with subpoena and investigatory powers, overhauls in standards of use of force, the demilitarization of police agencies, the reevaluation of large allocations of city budgets for public safety, resulting in massive funding cutbacks of necessary social services and reform POBRA, the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights, which often thwarts accountability for excessive use of force.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County Central Committee will follow up with endorsed candidates in the 2021 calendar year to ensure endorsed elected officials have made good faith attempts to pass the above priorities, and the Democratic Party of Orange County will focus its organizing around county-level criminal justice issues led by the OC District Attorney, OC Sheriff's office, and OC Board of Supervisors, and the Democratic Party of Orange County will continue to refuse funds from law enforcement associations from this time onward.

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