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**93 LCR 01 – A Resolution
Calling For Police Reform**

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Resolution History

On May 25th, 2020, George Floyd was murdered during his arrest by Derek Chauvin, a white member of the Minneapolis Police. Floyd was unarmed and said several times that he could not breathe while Chauvin kneeled on his neck for nearly 8 minutes. Chauvin and the three other officers involved, Tou Thao, J. Alexander Kueng, and Thomas K. Lane, have since been fired, but this is not an isolated incident.

Some other instances of black people being unjustly killed by police in recent years are as follows:

- Eric Garner
- John Crawford III
- Michael Brown

- Ezell Ford
- Dante Parker
- Michelle Cusseaux
- Laquan McDonald
- George Mann
- Tanisha Anderson
- Akai Gurley
- Tamir Rice
- Romain Brisbon
- Jerame Reid
- Matthew Ajibade
- Frank Smart
- Natasha McKenna
- Tony Robinson
- Anthony Hill
- Mya Hall
- Phillip White
- Eric Harris
- Walter Scott
- William Chapman II
- Alexia Christian
- Brendon Glenn
- Victor Manuel Larosa
- Jonathan Sanders
- Freddie Blue
- Joseph Mann
- Salvado Ellswood
- Sandra Bland
- Albert Joseph Davis
- Darrius Stewart
- Billy Ray Davis
- Samuel Dubose
- Micahel Sabbie
- Brian Keith Day
- Christian Taylor
- Troy Robinson
- Asshams Pharoah Manley
- Felix Kumi
- Keith Harrison McLeod
- Junior Prosper
- Lamontez Jones
- Paterson Brown
- Dominic Hutchinson
- Anthony Ashford
- Alonzo Smith

- Tyree Crawford
- India Kager
- La’Vante Biggs
- Michael Lee Marshall
- Jamar Clark
- Richard Perkins
- Nathaniel Harris Pickett
- Benni Lee Tignor
- Miguel Espinal
- Michael Noel
- Kevin Matthews
- Bettie Jones
- Quintonia Legrier
- Kieth Childress Jr.
- Janet Wilson
- Randy Nelson
- Antronie Scott
- Wendell Celestine
- David Joseph
- Calin Roquemore
- Dyzhawn Perkins
- Christopher Davis
- Marco Loud
- Peter Gaines
- Torrey Robinson
- Darius Robinson
- Kevin Hicks
- Mary Truxillo
- Demarcus Semer
- Willie Tillman
- Terrill Thomas
- Sylville Smith
- Alton Sterling
- Philando Castile
- Terence Crutcher
- Paul O’Neal
- Alteria Woods
- Jordan Edwards
- Aaron Bailey
- Ronell Foster
- Stephon Clark
- Antwon Rose II
- Botham Jean
- Pamela Turner
- Dominique Clayton

- Atatiana Jefferson
- Christopher Whitfield
- Christopher McCorvey
- Eric Reason
- Michael Lorenzo Dean
- Breonna Taylor

If anything is to change, officers must be held accountable for their actions, and the safety and livelihood of civilians, especially black civilians, must be prioritized beyond all other law enforcement matters.

On May 31st, 2020 Ruth Woldemichael, CU student and Interim Vice President of BSA, and Olivia Gardner, CU Alumni Class of 2020, wrote a letter to Chancellor DiStefano, President Kennedy, Chair Gallegos, Vice-Chair Griego, and the Tri-executives describing recent events of police brutality and racial injustice in the United States and demanding and outlining the actions the University of Colorado should take.

On June 2nd, 2020 the University of Colorado Boulder's Black Student Alliance published a statement expressing their support for the statement put out by Ruth Woldemichael and Olivia Gardner.

Resolution Summary

Whereas, police killed 1,099 people in 2019 in the United States of America, and;

Whereas, black people made up 24% of those killed, despite making up only 13% of the population, and;

Whereas, black people are three times more likely to be killed by police than white people, and;

Whereas, levels of violent crime do not determine rates of police violence, and;

Whereas, 99% of killings by police between 2013 and 2019 have not resulted in officers being charged with a crime, and;

Whereas, the University of Colorado Student Government recognizes the potential and responsibility to better support black students and community members, and;

Whereas, black lives matter,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Boulder Student Government, THAT:

Section 1: The University of Colorado Student Government stands in solidarity with protestors across the United States of America, as well as the family of George Floyd and others who have been affected by police violence.

Section 2: The University of Colorado Student Government requests that the University of Colorado cease contractual relationships with the Boulder Police Department, Colorado Department of Corrections, and Colorado Correctional Industries.

Section 3: The University of Colorado Student Government requests that the University of Colorado reinvests 1% of endowment in supporting businesses and initiatives run by formerly incarcerated persons.

Section 4: The University of Colorado Student Government demands that the University of Colorado continues to develop and implement anti-racism and de-escalation training and practices for faculty and campus police, in accordance with demands made by the University of Colorado's Black Student Alliance in October of 2019.

Section 5: The University of Colorado Student Government calls for an automatic system by which charges must be brought against any police officer who harms a citizen, and for such charges to be investigated externally.

Section 6: The University of Colorado Student Government calls for major reform in police training requirements and procedures in order to fulfill the mantra of "serve and protect."

Section 7: The University of Colorado Student Government calls for mandatory usage of bodycams, so as to provide necessary oversight of police activities.

Section 8: The University of Colorado Student Government calls for both State and Federal acknowledgment of the injustices perpetrated by police, and for nation-wide reform and standardization of police activities.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect upon final passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without actions by the Tri-Executives.

Vote Count:

Date

Motion

Vote

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