



Re: George Floyd and Black Lives Matter

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To The Campus Community:

The Undergraduate Student Council of the College of Environmental Design (CED UgSC) stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. We realize that our silence on the matter thus far does not accurately represent our organization's views on George Floyd's murder and the Black Lives Matter movement, and UgSC strongly advocates for equality and justice. With the shocking demonstrations of police brutality, especially acts against George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless other black people, UgSC completely condemns these actions. We stand with the worldwide protests and movements such as Black Lives Matter against police brutality, senseless killings of black people, and systemic racism that too many people experience in their daily lives.

As an organization consisting of designers and design students, UgSC is even more aware of the consequences of designers' impacts on the environment. Since our organization's start in 2016, we have continuously uplifted, empowered, and advocated for our students of color in this college. We remain diligent and active in continuing these missions, but we also understand that inequalities still persist in our community and cannot be undone in a short amount of time. Design education is heavily influenced by our white and powered predecessors and eurocentric aesthetics are normalized. UgSC has pushed and will continue to push harder to embrace our diverse community.

We hope that you listen to the message being spread about black lives. We hope that you continue to have conversations about black lives. We encourage everyone to join us in doing so, to discuss and fight for an end to the institutionalized discrepancies black people and other minorities experience every day. We hope that you continue to advocate for black lives. Because black lives matter.

Sincerely,

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