Letter of Solidarity

The Jewish Law Students Association of the University of San Diego School of Law stands in solidarity with the Black Law Students Association, the Black Lives Matter movement, and all who are fighting racism and bigotry in the wake of Mr. George Floyd’s assassination. We denounce police brutality and demand that local, state, and federal leaders take swift action to prosecute police misconduct and end the criminalization of Black skin.

The Jewish tradition teaches us that we may not “stand idly by the blood of our neighbors.” While we may never understand the struggle of being Black in America, we are the descendants of a people who faced persecution, violence, and second-class status. JLSA stands with Black students—and with all Black Americans—whose daily lives are made more difficult by a culture of institutional discrimination deeply entrenched in law enforcement, criminal justice, education, employment, voting rights, wealth distribution, and more.

As Jewish law students, we have an obligation to begin dismantling the legal and political systems that uphold a second-class society. We will not stand idly by while others are suffering. JLSA is committed to creating more opportunities for inclusive and intersectional dialogue in the USD community on race, racism, and racial justice, and we pledge to fight alongside BLSA, the Black Lives Matter movement, and all black communities to make their voices heard and their impact felt.

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