The Board of the Environmental Law Society stands in solidarity with our Black peers and colleagues within the University of San Diego community and across the country. We are appalled, devastated, and outraged by the recent, unconscionable murder of George Floyd and countless others. We stand with other student organizations in asserting that Black lives matter and in recognizing the suffering and long-standing systemic injustices perpetrated not only by America’s criminal justice system, but in all our institutions.

As law students, we are called to recognize and fight against injustice no matter our field of practice. In ELS, we aim to increase awareness of environmental issues and their legal, political, and social implications. To do so it is imperative to acknowledge environmental injustice and how communities of color have disproportionately borne the burdens of air pollution, hazardous waste, contaminated food and water supplies, and more. We vow to be mindful and active in our conversations on the social implications of environmental issues, in examining our privilege and biases, and in developing a diverse and multicultural organization so as to remain active allies in the fight against racism, oppression, and inequality.

In Solidarity,
Environmental Law Society Executive Board, 2020-2021