

A Call to Non-Black Latinx Elected Officials

The Latinx-led organizations that have signed on to this letter are united in our commitment to fight anti-Blackness and the continued upholding of white supremacy in our communities.

Anti-Blackness and white supremacy continue to systematically kill members of our communities, and are largely responsible for the health disparities that we see throughout California. We stand in solidarity with Black leaders, activists and protestors who have a long and powerful legacy of organizing and mobilizing community to put an end to the murder of Black people in this country. As organizations we join forces to answer the call of our Black family, and in particular Black women, who are calling for allyship in the form of action.

Today we demand that ALL our non-Black Latina/Latino/Latinx state and local lawmakers step up and stand with Black communities in fighting anti-Blackness and white supremacy by defunding the very institutions that are killing Black people and destroying our communities. This week we witnessed the approval of city budgets that overwhelmingly fund policing despite the outcry and the work of Black activists and protestors here in California and across the country.

We call for all non-Black Latina/Latino/Latinx policymakers that sit in positions of power to no longer be complicit in funding the death of Black people. The use of force, militarization, and surveillance of our communities should not be applauded. We call on our non-Black Latina/Latino/Latinx policymakers to take responsibility, use your voice, and position of power to dismantle white supremacy, not to uphold it. We demand the defunding of the police as we continue to demand the abolishing of ICE.

As Latinx-led organizations whose work is rooted in a legacy of resistance linked to the historical violence and trauma experienced by Black, Indigenous and other people of color since colonization, we urge you to join us in fighting anti-Blackness in our communities. This letter is our collective effort to answer the call from our Black family and to work to dismantle white supremacy in our communities.

California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy
Community United Against Violence/CUAV
Garment Worker Center
Latino Community Foundation
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
The TransLatin@ Coalition
The Children's Partnership
Visión y Compromiso
Unión del Barrio