



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CAL STATE SAN MARCOS**

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2020

To: Students of California State University San Marcos and CSUSM Campus Community

From: Michael Garrett, ASI President & CEO

Re: Support of Black Students & Community

In ASI, we are committed to serving and empowering our Black communities. Not just in these troubling times, but always. You are not alone. Our thoughts go out to Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and to so many others who have lost their lives due to acts of violence and brutality.

For too long, Black people in our country have experienced injustice and persecution based solely on the color of their skin. We are saddened and concerned by past and on-going incidents of police brutality. ASI recognizes that this is not a new phenomenon. This deep-rooted systematic struggle has been threatening Black communities for generations. Although it may be difficult, we must not give up hope as we continue to build for a better tomorrow. We dream of the day where no one has to fear taking a walk, sitting in a parked car, or even just wearing a hoodie.

Today, we say “no more”. Associated Students, Incorporated at California State University San Marcos stands in solidarity with the Black community and will continue to advocate for equality on our campus and in our community. We must continue to actively stand together to fight for equality and permanent change. Now more than ever we encourage the community to come together, support one another, and educate yourselves on how to work towards justice.

I encourage you to join us in attending the Black Student Center’s virtual event on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00pm, “Reflections on Ahmaud, Breonna, George, and Others: A Space to Feel and Act.” Register and learn more at www.csusm.edu/bsc.

Your life matters. Your family's lives matter. **Black Lives Matter.**
Say their names. Know their stories. Fight for change.

Michael Garrett, President & CEO
Associated Students, Inc. of CSUSM

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