



**RESOLUTION NO. 20-11**  
**VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY AGAINST  
CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS  
JUNE 9, 2020

***WHEREAS***, the Governing Board of Victor Valley Community College District supports essential human rights and the importance of equality and fair treatment of all people; and

***WHEREAS***, the abhorrent treatment of fellow human beings and systematic racial injustices continues to escalate, causing people of all nations to rise up in protest; and

***WHEREAS***, Victor Valley Community College District believes that the impact and breadth of the challenge to address civil rights violations calls for leadership at all levels of government, especially at local and state levels; and

***WHEREAS***, the California Community College system has taken action to address structural racism and ensure our communities and students have access to an equal educational opportunity; and

***WHEREAS***, Victor Valley College abhors blatant racist abuse of power and condemns discrimination of any kind; therefore be it

***RESOLVED***, that Victor Valley Community College District will communicate that the message is not white vs. black, it is all of us vs. racism, and further, it will collaborate with its students, faculty, staff, and community to advance local equality and justice activities; and therefore be it further

***RESOLVED***, that Victor Valley Community College District will continue to affirm and commit to support the guaranteed right of equal social opportunities, equal protection under the law, and will vehemently promote healthy and safe learning environments for its students.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on June 9, 2020 by the Governing Board:

Joseph W. Brady, Board President

John Pinkerton, Board Vice President

Brandon Wood, Board Clerk

Dennis Henderson, Trustee

Jennifer Tarpley, Trustee



To the entire community which Victor Valley College serves;

As of today, it has been eight days since citizens all across America began protesting. The reason for the protest was sparked by the murder of George Floyd, an unarmed black man. He was murdered in Minneapolis, on May 25, 2020, and his murder was watched live by people across the world. Seventeen minutes after the police showed up to the scene, after being called on Floyd for allegedly trying to pay with a counterfeit bill, Floyd's body went lifeless. For 8 minutes and 46 seconds of that time, the arresting officer held his knee on the front of Floyd's neck while three other officers looked on. Floyd cried out for water, his mother, and repeatedly said that he could not breathe. On June 1, 2020, an independent autopsy confirmed that the cause of death was due to asphyxiation.

On that same day in New York State, a white woman was videotaped calling the police and with egregious intent, informed the 911 responding officer that she had been attacked by an African American. The man in question had simply and calmly asked her to place a leash on her dog. Her hateful and irresponsible actions could have resulted in the murder of yet another innocent man. In recent years, many others have lost their lives due to police brutality; Eric Garner, John Crawford iii, Michael Brown, Ezell Ford, Dante Parker, Michelle Cusseaux, Tamir Rice, Sandra Bland, Breonna Taylor, Botham Jean, and so many more.

Shortly following the death of George Floyd, protests spawned all around the world. The entire world is watching and frankly, African American Blacks and all others of color, are tired. They are tired of the injustice and systematic racism that each of them face everyday. No one should have to fear for their lives based on the color of their skin. Every single human on this planet deserves to be respected, treated with equality and to be protected from hatred.

Victor Valley College supports all peaceful protests against police brutality and the racist violence that has plagued our country since its inception. It is the last straw not only for African Americans but for all decent people in the country.

It is the penultimate act of racism-to abuse the majority power and to threaten the freedom and life of a man who had less power to end oppressions.

Victor Valley College abhors this blatant racist abuse of power. We ally ourselves with the millions who march and shout and plead with our fellow citizens all around the world as we seek to bring these abuses to an end by working together with our students and our surrounding community. Today and always, we condemn discrimination of any kind whenever and wherever it occurs.

As an institution of higher learning, there is an obligation to not just merely speak out against all abuses of power but we reserve the right to act upon them for the purpose of the greater good. Today and always, we embrace our African American students and colleagues, to express our commitment to ensuring they feel welcome at Victor Valley College as we welcome anyone into our family; to ensure solidarity as we speak out against all acts of oppression and microaggressions. We may not share in all experiences, however, we do take into ourselves as if they are our own.

We stand in solidarity with the entire Inland Empire area of the High Desert; Whoever you are, whatever your color, wherever you have come from, know that we stand with you. May the burden of the feeling of despair and your anger lessen as we move forward each day, fighting on and uniting together.

The message is not white vs. black; it is all of us vs. racism.

In Solidarity,

Amber Scott  
ASB President / Student Trustee

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*Works cited: A decade of watching black people die, Code Switch, npr.org; Saddleback College email of solidarity, Dr. Elliot Stern.*