



T O G E T H E R

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE
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In light of recent tragic events, Associated Students of Cosumnes River College (ASCRC) would like to express solidarity with thousands of people across the globe who are risking their health and safety to fight against racism and for equality. We understand the hurt and pain that has built up over the last hundreds of years. Of the struggles, of the violence, of the discrimination that so many have been forced to endure. Furthermore, Trump's administration is still continuing its goals of racial disenfranchisement, perpetuated even during the worst health crisis this world has ever seen. We do not stand for this injustice. We stand by the families and friends of George Floyd, Breona Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, and those that have experienced racism, inequality, and injustice. We, to the highest degree, condemn the racial profiling and police brutality that is so often aimed at Black communities. There is a deeply rooted racist foundation within our society that we have to, and must, get rid of even if it raises uncomfortable conversations or days of protests and struggles. We of the ASCRC will do our part to fight these inequalities.

While many people have been quick to condemn the protests as nothing more than violent demonstrations, it is important to remember that there are opportunists who are utilizing this important struggle for their own benefits. They do not represent this movement and they do not represent anti-racism. They are exploiting the movement and demonizing the legitimate outrage of the protestors. We are against those who undervalue the protesters' message because of the lootings that happened. And if you seek to join the protest, please learn your rights, let your voices be heard, and protest responsibly. Make sure to protect yourself and others. This includes letting us know how we can support you.

It is extremely important to assure the student body that ASCRC believes that there is no equality unless everyone is treated as equals. There is no equality when the race or gender of a person defines their merit. Like all other fights for freedom, when there is an oppressive system, there has to be a change. Though the systems in place do not always have our best interests in mind, we encourage our students to unite and continue to make your voices heard regarding racism and equality. ASCRC exists to represent the students of Cosumnes River College. We endeavor to uphold both yours and our beliefs of equality by ensuring an equitable experience for all students. We will continue to work and ensure that your voice is always represented.

"What all these victims need above all is to know that they are not alone; that we are not forgetting them, that when their voices are stifled we shall lend them ours, that while their freedom depends on ours, the quality of our freedom depends on theirs."

-Elie Wiesel, Survivor of the Holocaust.

Sincerely,

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