

**BLACK LIVES MATTER : FROM THE IUF PRESIDENT
AND OUR U.S. AFFILIATES**

“Food workers across the United States are proud to stand with millions of their fellow Americans in speaking out against the murder of George Floyd and the abhorrent injustices that have gone on in our communities for far too long. It is essential that all workers stand together to support peaceful protests and strongly condemn the discrimination that is dividing hardworking communities across the United States.”

Mark Lauritsen, IUF President

“Racism causes pain to people of color every day in America. As we have throughout history, the BCTGM will continue to stand together against racism, inequality and injustice. The BCTGM remains united with the labor movement as we pledge to continue our fight for social, economic and racial justice.”

BCTGM

“Throughout the history of America black and brown people have struggled to achieve the full rights guaranteed by the Constitution of our Nation.... The ravages of slavery, tenant farming, sharecropping that kept many Black peoples on the margins of life set in motion a trajectory wrought with unequal standing and opportunity.”

“Though Black and Brown communities have valiantly struggled against abuses and inequality many times we watched each other’s struggles with sympathy and not seen the opportunity to bridge our own cultures to identify our common obstacles. We declare that we will no longer carry on separately but work, identify and strategize together in identifying common issues and collaborative solutions.”

FLOC

“The murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis... is just the latest incident of an unwarranted police killing of an unarmed black man in the United States, and a harsh truth that we must accept – equal justice under the law is not a reality for all Americans. Black people fear for their lives on a daily basis by the very institutions which are supposed to protect them. It may not be most of our truths, but we must acknowledge and understand that this is the truth of so many black and brown brothers and sisters in this union and throughout our country.”

IBT

“The murder of George Floyd has surfaced a rage and grief that has built up over centuries of injustice in our country. The outrage, frustration, anger, and fear that black Americans are feeling stems from the long history of racism embedded in our society. The murder of George Floyd is only the latest death of a black person by the hands of police.

The labor movement must stand with the Black Lives Matter movement in demanding an end to police violence with the same commitment that we fight to improve workers’ rights for a just economy for all.”

RWDSU

“Millions of Americans across the country are rightfully angry about the murder of George Floyd and the abhorrent injustices we have witnessed for far too long. Now more than ever, we must stand together to end the hate and discrimination that is poisoning this nation, and to make clear that we all stand in support of peaceful protests and in opposition to violence of any kind.”

UFCW

“We are calling on you to fight police brutality and anti-black violence with us as we continue to fight for economic justice because we love our Union, and we know that we have the power to emerge victorious over racism, anti-immigrant racism, over sexism, homophobia, and everything that threatens working people and their communities, such that finally — at long last — we all might breathe freely and have life abundantly.”

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