

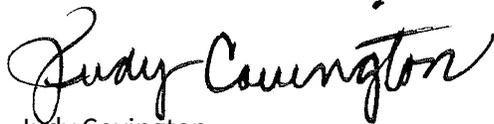
The Sacramento Association of REALTORS® strongly condemns the criminal activity witnessed in the homicidal killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN. We reject racism and the actions of anyone that disrespects or devalues the life of another because they are Black or a member of any minority group. This must end. Racism is not welcome in our home.

It is our responsibility to speak out to right these wrongs. Gandhi noted that silence becomes cowardice when the occasion demands speaking out. Let us not be cowards. Let us resolve to address these issues in a comprehensive way.

Peaceful protest is a way of relieving our immediate stress but it is only a first step when the goal must be to reverse long-standing policies that have allowed the status quo to exist. We need to commit ourselves to establish policies and programs that achieve a permanent end to these wrongs. This will not happen in a week or two but it is the only acceptable path for us to pursue.

As REALTORS® we stand in solidarity with every person who has experienced police brutality or any other injustice based upon the color of their skin, their ethnic origin or their chosen lifestyle.

The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America starts the second paragraph with “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” It is now almost 234 years later and we have not made those words a reality for all our citizens. Let us declare that now is the time and this is the place. We can if we have the will.



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