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*Content warning: police brutality, discussion of racism*

The murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 at the hands of Minneapolis police was an abhorrent act of hate and discrimination, as are centuries of systemic oppression faced by the Black community. This is evident through the unjust murders of Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin, Stephon Clark, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, and countless other deaths claimed by racism.

Seeing the injustices that the Black community faces every day challenges us to recognize how critical it is to continue working towards health equity. As current and future allies and health care providers, we believe it is important to advocate for the Black community who are facing racial, societal, and economic injustices from a culmination of centuries of historic oppression and racism. **Bayanihan Clinic stands in solidarity with the Black community and the Black Lives Matter movement, and will continue to fight for justice, morality, and equity.**

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Bayanihan Clinic's doors are open to all individuals regardless of race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion, or any other identities. Since its inception, it has stood for inclusivity and equality both inside and outside of its clinic space. Just as we act on issues of health care inequality, we must act on other instances of injustice and inequity we observe. In Tagalog, "Bayanihan" translates to "a collective group of individuals working together." Only together can we overcome racial injustice. To the Filipinx community and beyond, we urge you all to pay attention. Now is not the time to turn a blind eye to the struggles of the Black community, instead we must act with compassion and advocate for those who have been consistently and unjustly wronged.

As a community, it is our responsibility to stand up against the continuous injustice that the Black community faces. We must use our voices in order to shed light on their narratives and actively educate ourselves on how to create spaces for Black folks. We must be true allies and speak up against Anti-Blackness in our own circles, both personal and professional. Bayanihan Clinic will continuously work to further advocate for the Black community in order to combat racial injustice and uphold our mission statement to uplift diverse, underserved communities.

**Black Lives Matter.**



### **Our Mission Statement:**

*Bayanihan Clinic provides accessible primary and preventative health care to Filipino immigrants and all diverse, underserved communities of the Greater Sacramento area, while honoring the legacy of Filipino veterans through advocacy and community engagement.*

**Bayanihan Clinic pledges to further advocate for the Black community and continue to fight for justice, morality, and equity.**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Address** law enforcement violence/police brutality as a public health issue and adopt the statement issued by the American Public Health Association.
- **Cultivate** dialogue and meaningful discussions with clinic staff and community members about racial bias.
- **Educate** our community about the racial injustices faced by the Black Community to facilitate engagement in movements such as Black Lives Matter.
- **Increase** collaboration with Black communities and organizations in outreach efforts.
- **Integrate** allyship training into mandatory clinic intern training.



# ALLY RESOURCES

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- **Register** to vote.
- **Sign** petitions.
- **Donate** to organizations.
- **Educate** yourself with books, articles, movies, videos, and podcasts.
- **Seek** mental health counseling if needed.