

Dear Students and Palomar College Community,

The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and Ahmed Aubrey have been catalysts to worldwide protests, yet they speak to a much larger picture of racial disparities that are the result of systemic racism. The Puente Project at Palomar College acknowledges the pain and anger of the Black community, with an understanding that the suffering caused by oppression and injustice goes beyond this particular moment in time.

Puente stands in solidarity with the Black community. We know that statements of support are not enough, and that real change comes from action. Our organization is driven by a vision of equity and social justice, and we are committed to serve as allies in the dismantling of systems of oppression on our campus and in our communities. We recognize our communal responsibility to speak out against racism and amplify Black voices. *Tu lucha es mi lucha*; your struggle is my struggle.

In Unity,

The Palomar College Puente Project