



EIGHT MINUTES AND FORTY-SIX SECONDS. This is the length of time that it took for a white police officer to take a black American's life away from him by kneeling on his neck and causing him to suffocate. The death of George Floyd has not only taken the issue of police brutality against people of color to the forefront of our minds, but also the other issues of institutionalized racism:

- Lack of access to quality public education
- Lack of access to quality healthcare
- Lack of access to quality nutrition
- Lack of access to good quality jobs and financial security
- Lack of access to quality housing
- Lack of access to a fair criminal justice system

Unions have a long history of fighting for peace, justice, and equality in our world. We have dedicated our work to the spread of fairness in all aspects of the lives of working men and women.

We stood with the sanitation workers in Memphis in their fight for job and financial security; a major event of the civil rights movement. We stood with the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender community to push for same-sex rights, protections, and marriage equality. We stood for increasing access to healthcare for millions of uninsured Americans. We stood for women's rights and pay equity. We stood for working people to have eight-hour workdays, with their weekends off. We stood for protecting and increasing access to voting, to help poor and minority communities to have their voices heard. We stood for increasing government funding for treasured community services in Philadelphia and around the country.

Standing with and supporting communities is what we do. This work continues today, as the fight for fairness and equality is never over.

There is a rally happening TODAY, Saturday, June 6, 2020, in Philadelphia, to stand-up against the institutionalized racism in our country. We encourage you to stand with workers and the community in support of ending police brutality and systematic racism in our country and around the world. Peaceful protest has been and always will be a pillar of American history. Be a part of that history today.

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