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California Environmental Justice Alliance Stands with the Movement for Black Lives, Condemns Racist Murders by Police and State Violence

June 2, 2020 | The California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) mourns and condemns the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, David McAtee, Tony McDade, Michael Ramos, Nina Pop, Sean Reed, Modesto Reyes and the many others who have lost their lives to police brutality and state violence. We stand in solidarity with outrage and indignation against government forces and societal racism that dehumanize, criminalize, and kill our Black siblings, including the deaths of black trans folk. We condemn the weaponization of white privilege that threatens their lives.

CEJA stands in solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives to demand full divestment from the systems of racialized criminalization and incarceration of Black people and reinvestment in the education, health, and safety of Black communities. We endorse the demand to #DefundthePolice and call for an economic, political, and social system that prioritizes Black life.

As an alliance of grassroots community organizations working to defeat systemic environmental racism in the places where we live, work, and play, CEJA recognizes that police violence is an underpinning of the same white supremacist and settler-colonial apparatus which pillages the earth, and sacrifices the health and life expectancy of Black and brown people to economically and socially privilege white people.

We recognize that our struggle for racial justice, environmental justice, health equity, gender justice, and all other forms of social justice are intertwined and inseparable. We stand with the Movement for Black Lives and for Black liberation, and recognize that none of us are free until we all are.

Today and every day we commit ourselves to the work of building antiracist political systems, including establishing just relationships with the land and with one another.

We uphold the following demands. Another world is possible.

From the [Movement for Black Lives](#):

(1) **End The War on Black People:** We demand an end to the named and unnamed wars on Black people—including the criminalization, incarceration and killing of our people.



(2) **Reparations:** We demand reparations for harms inflicted on Black people: from colonialism to slavery through food and housing redlining, mass incarceration and surveillance.

(3) **Invest-Divest:** We demand investments in the education, health and safety of Black people, instead of investments in the criminalizing, caging, and harming of Black people.

(4) **Economic Justice:** We demand economic justice for all and a reconstruction of the economy to ensure Black communities have collective ownership, not merely access.

(5) **Common Control:** We demand a world where those most impacted in our communities control the laws, institutions and policies that are meant to serve us

(6) **Political Power:** We demand independent Black political power and Black self-determination in all areas of society.

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The California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) is a statewide, community-led alliance that works to achieve environmental justice by advancing policy solutions. We unite the powerful local organizing of our members in the communities most impacted by environmental hazards – low-income communities and communities of color – to create comprehensive opportunities for change at a statewide level. We build the power of communities across California to create policies that will alleviate poverty and pollution. Together, we are growing the statewide movement for environmental health and social justice. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).