Dear RU community, friends and colleagues,

Residency Unlimited stands in support of all who demand justice for Black lives taken by the hands of law enforcement. We support the dismantling of systemic racism and commend those who use their voices and bodies in protest of this lineage of hate. As an arts organization that supports cultural exchange and the circulation of art and ideas, we recognize that working towards change is a collective effort. Towards that end, RU is committed to using our platform towards freedom of expression, freedom of imagination and freedom of assembly in support of Black friends, artists, colleagues and family members, without fear of retaliation.

We will be suspending regularly scheduled social media and online programming in order to highlight these voices in the wake of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, and countless others.

Thank you for all that you do and be safe!
The RU Team

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**Actions**

For a comprehensive list of donation opportunities, mental health and educational resources, petitions, and up-to-date information on the global Black Lives Matter movement, visit [blacklivesmatters.carrd.co](http://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co). To donate from abroad, please follow this [link](http://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co).
Donate to the George Floyd Memorial Fund organized by Floyd's brother Philonise Floyd at gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd

The Minnesota Freedom Fund is a community based nonprofit that combats the harms of incarceration by paying bail for low-income individuals who cannot otherwise afford it. Donate at minnesotafreedomfund.org

For additional bail funds to support, follow List of Bail Funds for Protestors Across the Country, compiled by GitHub with National Bail Fund Network.

New York City Emergency Release Fund works to keep Trans people safe and out of jail. Support at emergencyreleasefund.com

Sign the petition calling for justice for Breonna Taylor, murdered by police on March 13, at justiceforbreonna.org

Sign the petition calling for justice for Ahmaud Arbery, murdered by police on February 23, at www.runwithmaud.com

Contact the Minneapolis District Attorney and Mayor’s Office to demand the prosecution of the officers responsible for the murder of George Floyd on May 25. Call Jacob Frey, Minneapolis Mayor’s Office at (612) 673-2100 and Mike Freeman, Minneapolis District Attorney at (612) 348-5550 or email citizeninfo@hennepin.us

Protesting? COVID-19 is not over! Before you go out, think about your risk and the risk of getting someone else sick and don’t go if you feel sick. Go with a group, wear a face covering and eye protection to prevent injury, stay hydrated, use hand sanitizer and know your rights!

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**Readings**

Anti-Racist Resource Guide, by Victoria Alexander (June 2020)
A Timeline of Events that Led to the 2020 Fed Up-rising by Michael Harriot, 
*The Root* (May 31, 2020)

Anti-Racism Resources for White People, compiled by Sarah Sophie 
Flicker and Alyssa Klein (May 2020)


There’s a lot of talk about defunding the police. What does this mean 
exactly? Read up!

New York Senator makes the case for Defunding the NYPD, by Daniel 
Nichanian, *The Appeal* (June 1, 2020)

Defund Police: Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor Says Budgets Wrongly Prioritize 
Cops Over Schools, Hospitals, a conversation between Keeanaga-
Yamahtta Taylor, Cornel West and Bakari Sellers, *Democracy Now!* (June 
1, 2020)

The Only Solution is to Defund the Police, by Alex S. Vitale, *The Nation* 
(May 31, 2020)

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