



Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club

Advocating for Democratic Values

in Newport Beach and neighboring communities

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BLACK LIVES MATTER



The Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club condemns the senseless murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and Rayshard Brooks and stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and the Black community.

We recognize that the time for words and awareness has passed and that action and activism are needed to create meaningful and sustainable change in our country and in our community.

We commit to making tangible changes in our community in the fight for racial justice and equality as a means of dismantling the systemic racism embedded in the fabric of our nation. We acknowledge that this racism results in unfair impacts on communities of color in Orange County. The NBWDC understands that silence is complicity; and, as such, will commit to the following in the near term:

- Partner with the Democratic Party of Orange County, in consultation with local Black-led organizations, to outline a platform of demands of real budgetary changes at the level of city and county government to elevate Black and other communities of color in Orange County.
- We endorse ACA 6, the [Free The Vote Act](#), to grant Californians on parole the right to vote endorsed by a coalition of voting rights partners and California Secretary of State Alex Padilla. People on parole are disproportionately Black and deserve a right to reenter society by taking responsibility for their civic duty.
- We commit to holding our current elected officials to account for policing to achieve a budgetary balance of investment in our local communities that make them truly safe, like permanent housing, healthcare (including mental health), good jobs, free public transportation, after school programs, community care teams, environmental protection, parks, libraries, and arts programs.
- We demand full transparency from candidates we support about all police and sheriff's unions, and union-backed PAC and super-PAC campaign donations.

In Solidarity,

The Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead*