

At Inland Counties Legal Services, we stand firmly with the Black community and non-Black allies.

ICLS's mission has always been to pursue justice and equality for those who have been disenfranchised and subjected to inequities. We acknowledge the racial inequalities in our justice system and want to reiterate our support for the black and underrepresented communities. We further acknowledge that these inequities and inequalities have existed in the United States since its inception.

We have continued to witness a collective grief and we have no choice but to demand change. We empathize and grieve alongside the Black community, who have experienced systemic racism in all its forms. We can't talk about recent events without acknowledging the painful truth that our justice system has failed in achieving America's founding ideal of Equal Justice Under Law.

The shooting of Jacob Blake, deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and many more have again cast a spotlight on the structural and systemic racism the Black community faces on a daily basis. The Black community has attempted to make their voices heard many times, and it is time to listen. These events are not new and part of a long history of bigotry, hate and violence in our country. These conversations are not easy, there is no simple solution, but we must take a stand.

As your local legal aid, we want to assure you that we stand behind our clients and their communities. For the last 61 years, we have focused our efforts on dismantling inequalities in the civil justice system, overcoming systemic oppression, and continuously working towards a better and sustainable Inland Empire. We must continue this work and acknowledge, understand and do our part in eliminating racism.

We commit to discussing race within Inland Counties Legal Services and expanding our current practices to be inclusive to further meet the needs of our staff, clients and community.

Please know that ICLS is here and ready to support you with your civil legal matters, now and always.

Black Lives Matter. #SayTheirNames.

In Solidarity,

Inland Counties Legal Services, Inc.