

**EDFN Statement of Solidarity  
With Protestors and Activists Against Police Brutality  
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The faculty of the Educational Foundations Program at Cal State LA stands in solidarity with the voices and efforts of all peoples confronting and struggling against injustice in both national and international contexts. In the face of the unfolding crisis in the United States, we stand in solidarity with protestors and activists righteously speaking out against state-sanctioned violence manifest in police brutality. More specifically, we assert that Black Lives Matter and that anti-blackness in all its forms must be confronted. We must find ways to concretely challenge and alter existing power structures that rely on and reproduce anti-blackness in the workplace, our legal, electoral, and educational systems, the public space, and the collective conscious rooted in American white supremacy.

We also assert that although formal educational spaces have been used to maintain and uphold and reproduce unjust systems, resistance and transformation are also possible—not by top-down decisions, but in dialogue and interactions with one another that open space for us to collectively organize, imagine, and build a new world. In our program, we seek to address the settler colonial, white supremacist, heteronormative, and ableist ideologies at the foundations of contemporary U.S. society. We seek to imagine, teach, and learn together in ways that challenge oppression and marginalization.

The Educational Foundations Program stands in solidarity with protestors and activists asserting that Black Lives Matter and that anti-blackness and state-sanctioned violence against people of color in all its forms must be resisted and dismantled.