

Dear COSW Commissioners,

We are writing to express strong solidarity with our Black colleagues, family, friends, and community, as we acknowledge the racial disparities in policing and general disregard for Black lives across the country, most intimately #BreonnaTaylor and #DavidMcAttee, and Pastor [Tim Findley](#) here in Louisville.

I, Heather, went to the protest in Saint Matthews [reflection at the bottom of this email] on Sunday and want to share what I wrote, not out of a performative desire for your approval, but to give you a firsthand account of what I saw on the ground—which was one of joy and solidarity.

If you haven't seen them, here are the demands of the family of Breonna Taylor, shared from the website, [Justice for Breonna](#).

Here is information shared from the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office Directors at UofL, about how to learn about, donate to and get involved with agencies who are taking action to end racial injustice:

- Louisville Black Lives Matter and Stand Up Sundays: <https://blackliveslouisville.org/>
- Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice (LSURJ): <https://www.facebook.com/SURJLouisville/>
- Kentucky Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.kentuckyalliance.org/>
- Anti-racism resources for white people: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBOQgirlTwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic

We will continue to learn, share, and act, following the lead of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, particularly our Black Women, Femmes, and Non-Binary Commissioners and Constituents. We see you, we hear you, and we stand with you.

We are canceling tomorrow's coffee and drinks to honor Breonna Taylor's 27th birthday.

We are sending love and solidarity to everyone,

Heather and Michelle