

NCDA Statement on the Deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery; We Must All Demand Better

The last few weeks have been tragic. We have seen what has occurred in Minneapolis with disgust and anger. The tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of local police was brutal and shocking. The deaths of Breonna Taylor by Louisville police and Ahmaud Arbery by vigilantes, and the thousands of other unnamed victims, is disturbing, savage and paints a familiar picture of racism and injustice in America. As an organization with its history rooted in the Model Cities Program that was created in response to urban unrest in the 1960s, we condemn injustice and institutional racism.

NCDA stands with communities to demand more accountability and action against police brutality and systemic racism. We support economic and social equality. We demand policies and resources to promote and protect civil rights and empower communities of color. We demand robust resources for our core programs – CDBG and HOME.

Let us all demand better. Let us all demand criminal justice reform. Let us all demand a living wage. Let us all demand good schools. Let us all demand economic equality. Let us all demand quality health care. Let us all demand decent, safe, affordable housing. Let us all demand vibrant neighborhoods. Let us demand and work together to ensure opportunity and justice for all.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Floyd, Taylor, and Arbery families and offer our sympathy and support during this tragic time.