

## University Park Town Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure

Friday June 19, 2020  
5:30 to 6:00 P.M.  
Via Zoom

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1. Review and vote on the draft University Park statement on racial justice for presentation to the full council.

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Town of University Park  
Statement on Racial Justice

**DRAFT**

**Resolution:**

WHEREAS, systemic racism and white supremacy are engrained in all institutions in the United States and within our culture; and

WHEREAS, racism and white supremacy are at odds with the Town of University Park's ideals of equality, liberty, justice, and equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, this anti-Black racism is reflected, among other disparities, in the high rates of state-sanctioned violence experienced by Black people; and

WHEREAS, Black people in the United States uniquely experience racism in the United States due to this country's history of slavery, residual de jure and de facto segregation, and other state-sanctioned policies; and

WHEREAS, the recent public murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery have mobilized people worldwide to call for justice and declare that Black Lives Matter; NOW

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of University Park that Black Lives Matter in University Park, in Maryland, in the United States, and all around the globe; and the Town of University Park condemns the recent murders of the aforementioned individuals, as well as countless other victims of anti-Black racial violence throughout the history of this country; and that we stand in solidarity with those expressing their outrage, pain, and grief and who insist on immediate meaningful reforms through protests nationwide to address this systemic racism and violence; and that protests have been an integral part of progress in our Country to live up to its ideals; and that we dedicate ourselves to the critical anti-racist work needed in this Town, our broader community, and this country to achieve the ideals of equality, liberty, and justice for all.