



A message from the Board Chair, Peter Wahl, and CEO, Sharla Myers:

We want to express our horror and outrage at the recent and past violence against African Americans in our country and community. We condemn racism and violence in the strongest possible terms. We chose to work for the Community Council because of its focus on improving inequity in our community. We acknowledge our responsibility, as leaders of an organization that serves African Americans, to speak out against racism in any form. If change is going to occur, it is going to require that all of us speak up and speak out about injustice whenever and wherever we see it.

Perhaps we should have spoken out sooner, but sometimes, the words just don't come. Sometimes we just don't know what to say.

Nevertheless, we realize that silence could be construed as acceptance of practices that we find abhorrent. Therefore, we will not be silent any longer. Racism is unacceptable, period. It is not tolerated in our organization and should not be tolerated in our country. Community Council has always embraced diversity and inclusivity and that has not and will not change.

Our hope is that the recent protests will galvanize our citizens and leaders to make real changes that are necessary. We stand with other individuals and organizations in our community who are taking action to eradicate racism and violence against our African American and Latinx and other diverse neighbors.

Community Council is also committed to supporting our employees and clients as they face these difficult times. We continue to be dedicated to treating all people with the respect and compassion they deserve. We encourage all our employees and friends to continue to peacefully protest until change happens.