

BLACK LIVES MATTER SACRAMENTO CHAPTER
HIGHLIGHTS FROM OPEN MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016

BLACK LIVES MATTER PRINCIPLES

- acknowledge differences and commonalities
- work for freedom and justice for black people and, by extension, all people
- unapologetically black
- part of global black family
- all black lives matter
- embrace making space for transgender brothers and sisters
- uplift black transgender women
- committed to building a black women affirming space
- practice empathy
- collectively care for one another as extended family
- family friendly
- practice justice, liberation, and peace
- foster a queer-affirming network
- foster an intergenerational community

DAY-TO-DAY WORK

- working with media selectively
- leadership team meets twice per month
- organize demonstrations in the Sacramento community
- organize meetings in community with stakeholders and interested public
- looking at systemic oppression, statewide violence, and serial forced displacement (Oak Park)
- collecting and filing data; following up after meetings; educating and empowering
- grassroots organization, not corporate; doing what they can with what they have
- being present is enough; active on social media
- working with ACLU Sacramento on legislation
- National Lawyers Guild does legal observing at events
- events are always peaceful and nonviolent
- is anti-systemic oppression, which includes the police
- fighting for passage of bills like SB 1286, requiring police accountability for use of force incidents; ACLU is co-sponsor of the bill with People of CA)
- cares about environmental racism

IT HAPPENS HERE

Elk Grove School District - boy escorted from high school graduation by Sheriff's Department for wearing kente cloth on stage; school district is receptive to working with Black Lives Matter

Adrienne Ludd - killed by Sheriff's Department in Carmichael; was followed in his vehicle and surrounded; all 39 bullets came from officers' guns; body was on the ground for over 11 hours; Black Lives Matter is fighting for answers and to review 3 dash cam videos; state law requires they ask for your race when pulled over; family is waiting for police report and autopsy results

Dazion Flenaugh - unarmed homeless man killed by Sacramento police; mentally ill; was put in back of car and told he was not being detained; ran off when door was opened; was shot 6 times; family waiting for police report and autopsy results; Sacramento City Mayor paid for funeral

Joseph Mann - killed in Del Paso Heights by Sacramento police; allegedly had a knife

WORK TO BE DONE

Sacramento Community Police Commission: no power, can only read information; working to get more power through the Sacramento City Mayor and Sacramento City Council; need increased attendance at City Council Meetings to provide public comments

Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones: up for reelection as Sheriff and running for Congress; misusing funds; listened to conversations around town illegally through Stingray; spreading the word to not have him reelected

Demand Sacramento Police Department Wear Body Cameras: currently, they have 10 body cameras on bike patrol officers only

WHAT WE CAN DO

- Need regular security; share any contacts
- Need increased social media presence; spread the word about demonstrations and actions
- Need increased attendance at actions
- Need LGBTQ friendly space with Sacramento churches
- Need to spread the word and attend Block Party at the end of August in Oak Park
- Need to shop at local black-owned businesses; purchase the Sacramento Black Pages for \$5 at the Underground Bookstore in Oak Park

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