



Town of Simsbury

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As leaders of the Town of Simsbury, we write to share in the heartache that is felt by our community and our country following the death of George Floyd at the hands of the police. We denounce this horrific event and extend our support to our Black/African American friends and neighbors. We denounce racism in all of its forms and we stand with those in our nation who are calling for systemic change.

The death of George Floyd occurred against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, a global crisis that none of us have experienced in our lifetimes. The pandemic exposed deep-seeded inequities, bringing them into greater focus, as the Centers for Disease Control reports higher illness and death among minority communities.

In Simsbury, there is no place for hate toward any person or group of people. We are committed to the ideals of diversity and inclusion. We thank the members of our community who have spoken up, reached out, and shared ideas for making Simsbury a more equitable place to live and work. Your feedback is evidence that we need to continue to support the work of our Town's Spirit Council and our School's Equity Council.

That's only a start. As the leaders of this community, we must ensure our words align with our actions. As we commit to diversity and inclusion we must look introspectively at our organization; the policies and practices that guide our work and how we serve the public. We must reflect on our practices as an employer. The Board of Selectmen supports our Police Chief in his department's continuous drive to serve everyone equitably and with distinction.

We strive to remain thoughtful in this work. We commit to deepening the dialogue between your local government, our police, and the Black/African American Community. As a country, we know that we can do better to confront systemic racism. In Simsbury, it is our intent to be leaders in this space. This work is integral to ensuring the collective well-being of our entire community.

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