

A Resolution Honoring the Memory of Stephon Clark, Demanding Justice for His Family and Unequivocally Condemning Police Brutality and Anti-Blackness

WHEREAS, Stephon Clark was a 22-year-old African American man who was shot and killed on the evening of March 18th, 2018 by two officers of the Sacramento Police Department in Sacramento, California while speaking on the phone in the backyard of the home he shared with his grandparents and sibling¹;

WHEREAS, the two officers fired 20 rounds, after believing Clark had had a gun despite the fact that he was only holding a cell phone²;

WHEREAS, the killing was caught on video and only released by the Sacramento Police Department following public outrage³;

WHEREAS, the two officers on the scene turned off the audio on their body cameras minutes after Stephon was shot and killed⁴;

WHEREAS, Muslim leaders have stated that Stephon Clark's body was in such terrible shape after the shooting that they were unable to provide a ritual washing (ghusl) for the burial and a dry ablution (taymmum) was performed instead⁵;

WHEREAS, the killing of Stephon Clark is one of hundreds of killings of unarmed Black people by police in America⁶;

WHEREAS, hundreds of individuals attended a protest organized by Black Lives Matter Sacramento at Sacramento City Hall and throughout the streets of Sacramento, shutting down Interstate 5 during rush hour chanting "Don't Shoot! It's a cell phone!" and ultimately delaying a Sacramento Kings basketball game while saying, "Stephon

¹ <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-stephon-clark-shooting-sacramento-explainer-20180323-story.html>

² <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-stephon-clark-shooting-sacramento-explainer-20180323-story.html>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCaVfdWzMCw>

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCaVfdWzMCw>

⁵ https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2018/03/29/funeral-begins-for-stephon-clark-amid-outrage-over-fatal-police-shooting/?utm_term=.cf7383549425

⁶ https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/national/police-shootings-2018/?utm_term=.394072dac660

⁷ <http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article206473869.html>

couldn't be here to watch a game. These people aren't going to be here to watch this game⁸;

WHEREAS, protesters led by Stephon Clark's brother Stevonte Clark voiced their outrage at a meeting of the Sacramento City Council on Tuesday March 28th, causing the council to end their meeting early⁹;

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter activists as far as New York City continue to speak out against the injustice of Stephon Clark's death at the hands of police officers¹⁰;

WHEREAS, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg responded to the atrocity with, "The tragedy warrants not only our sorrow, but a deep examination of what occurred and the policies and procedures must be examined and changed to minimize the chance that this happens again"¹¹;

WHEREAS, Minority Leader Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi responded to the killing saying she was "sickened by the senseless shooting that ended the life of Stephon Clark. His life mattered, and he should be alive today"¹²;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council ("USAC") condemns anti-Blackness and its manifestation in our criminal justice system as both police brutality and mass incarceration;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC stands firmly in solidarity with and unequivocally supports the efforts of Black Lives Matter;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2017-2018 USAC commits to holding a training for all of its members to learn about anti-Blackness, its detection, its consequences, and its eradication, and calls upon all future USACs to also engage in such trainings;

⁸ <http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article206473869.html>

⁹ https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2018/03/28/there-is-deep-pain-sacramento-mayor-on-stephon-clarks-brother-disrupting-city-council-meeting/?utm_term=.1e4ba1a93701

¹⁰ <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/manhattan/angry-protesters-rally-times-square-stephon-clark-death-article-1.3902527>

¹¹ <https://sacramentocityexpress.com/2018/03/22/mayor-darrell-steinberg-briefs-media-on-officer-involved-shooting/>

¹² <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-stephon-clark-shooting-sacramento-explainer-20180323-story.html>

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the USAC expresses its most sincere condolences to the Clark family and echoes the calls of the Sacramento community demanding justice and an end to police brutality.

Resolution passed 4/10/18.