



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



May 30, 2020

Dear Members & Friends of JLNS,

The Junior League of Napa-Sonoma denounces any and all forms of racism, intolerance, and violence. In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, this has been a tragic week watching the hurt and anger on display at the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Now we see cities across our country erupt in response to this injustice and seeing racial turmoil unfold in our communities is particularly painful and difficult to witness.

I want to give a moment of support to the community of Minneapolis and the women of the Junior League of Minneapolis, catalysts for lasting community change since 1923. As Junior League Leaders, we cannot stay silent and sit on the sidelines watching as our communities grieve and fight for lasting change.

The Junior League is here to support our members and communities who are grappling with anger, fear, and uncertainty. **As an organization of strong, diverse women committed to building better communities, we must recognize human rights issues and take them seriously.**

As an organization that strives for civic leadership, many of us are asking what we can do. We should hold ourselves to higher standards, accountable for our prejudices and the injustices in our communities. We must speak out and know when we must be visible and when to be quiet and listen.

Our commitment to equity and inclusion is as important as ever. At this time and always, JLNS stresses our Diversity, Equality and Inclusion commitment statement:

The Junior League of Napa-Sonoma welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

Please practice special care to yourself and others during this difficult time and please reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or to stay connected.

In Community Spirit,

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