



## HOUSTON WEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STATEMENT ON RACIAL INEQUALITY

The Houston West Chamber of Commerce is a business organization representing one of the most diverse communities in the country. We support each of our constituent groups and any time one among them is unjustly threatened or challenged, we all suffer. The killing of George Floyd represents a clear injustice that has rightly galvanized the African American community. We condemn such acts in the strongest possible terms. Because the mutual promotion of our businesses inextricably intertwines us with each other's personal lives, the loss of any such life matters.

We at the Houston West Chamber of Commerce acknowledge and understand that racism, and its long-lasting effect on African Americans, has weakened the fabric of our nation. Our chamber stands firmly against this scourge and will continue to use its best efforts to root it out of our society.

Our Chamber recognizes this time as one of anguish and anger for our African American friends. It is our fervent hope that in the coming days we can offer a place of respite from the pain. A place where dialogue can replace rancor, where people of goodwill can work together to bridge troubled waters. Only by doing so can we help memorialize this moment and start a new beginning — one based not on condemnation but commitment.

It is, and has been, the policy of The Houston West Chamber of Commerce to draw upon the diversity of our organization to encourage members of all ethnicities to participate at leadership levels. We believe that by blending our unique talents and life experiences the chamber can cultivate our potential as an organization, and a people, for a more just and equitable world.

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