

The Yonkers City Democratic Committee announced today that they stand in solidarity with our elected leaders including Congressman Elliott Engel, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblyman J. Gary Pretlow, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, County Executive George Latimer, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, County Legislator Majority Whip Chris Johnson, County Legislator David Tubiolo, County Legislator Ruth Walter, County Legislator José Alvarado, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers City Council President Mike Khader, Majority Leader Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, Councilwoman Shanae Williams, Councilwoman Tasha Diaz, and Councilman John Rubbo in supporting the #BLACK LIVES MATTER principles of racial justice, criminal justice reform, and fighting police brutality. The truth is if you are Black in this country, you have faced racism.

We support the Senate Majority Leader in advancing major policing reforms, including the repeal of 50-a and other important bills to help implement real improvements to law enforcement efforts in New York. The horrific murder of George Floyd has shed more light on what being black in America means. The implementation of these policing reforms will help the healing process for minority communities that have been disproportionately targeted and will facilitate better partnerships between law enforcement and the New Yorkers they serve.

As Democrats, we believe in fighting for a better, fairer, and brighter future for every American by rolling up our sleeves, empowering grassroots voters, staying united while calling for change. We commit to using our influence and power to actively support qualified candidates who view society through the lens of equity to ensure we undo systemic racism.

We will continue to participate in Black Lives Matter rallies and stand alongside elected leaders of all races and backgrounds to take action to fight racism and curb police brutality. These are first steps towards acknowledging this problem. We commit to a focus on self-reflection, and active engagement with communities of color, to bring more people into decision making positions. By these actions we become a more vibrant party that helps eradicate injustice out of our justice system and put us on the path to equality.