

Speaking for myself and Clubhouse International we are shocked and outraged by the video scenes we have witnessed relating to the brutal killing of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis last Monday. We have all seen this injustice too many times. We have seen Black Americans unjustly killed and mistreated with no consequences for too long. We know that racism is systemic; that it resides in our criminal justice system, throughout our society in the United States, and in many places around the world. We stand with those who demand justice for George Floyd and with those who are demanding action to create change everywhere. We do not stand with those who choose hate and violence in their expressions of anger. Hate and violence will never be the answer.

Our Clubhouse communities are built on values that respect every human life and a belief system that prioritizes community and meaningful opportunity for all. We have always worked together to build each other up and to seek a better world for everyone. In this spirit, and in response to the social virus of systemic racism, we must all now sharpen our focus, raise our voices and join the movement for change. We must work to face down and overcome racism in our individual lives, in our communities and throughout our societies.

At Clubhouse International and throughout our community across the globe we can all work harder together for justice by doing what is right, refusing to tolerate racial discrimination of any kind, demanding more from our governments and supporting leadership that demonstrates a willingness to act for change. Most importantly we can choose love and kindness over hate and fear.

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