



# OPEN DC STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF RACIAL JUSTICE

OPEN DC is proud to be an organization steeped in diversity. Our members include entrepreneurs, business and corporate executives, investors, and non-profit leaders from a variety of industries, ethnicities and racial backgrounds that reflect the vibrant diversity of the Washington DC metropolitan area.

OPEN DC recognizes the protests taking place throughout the United States that were triggered by the reprehensible killing of George Floyd and that seek to root out racial discrimination, inequality and exclusion. Protests are occurring in other countries as well, amplifying the call for fairness and justice we hear on the streets of the US.

As we reflect on these events, it is important to recognize our own responsibility to promote diversity, tolerance and inclusion. As members of OPEN DC, we are proud of the respectful environment we have built together and are grateful for the efforts made by OPEN DC for fostering the equitable development of all our diverse members.

As an organization that is committed to inclusiveness and equality, we fully support the calls for justice, tolerance and equality. As citizens and members of the community, we also stand in support of those law enforcement officers who serve with integrity, uphold justice, and put their own safety at risk for the protection of others.

We urge our members to be prudent and exercise caution as they go about their lives—and respect the guidance from local authorities both with regard to the pandemic and the measures to maintain a peaceful environment while expressing their desire for justice regarding recent events.

We reaffirm our commitment to our core values of impartiality, inclusion, and respect. We will always embody the spirit of the quintessential American motto, "E pluribus unum" – out of many, one.

Sincerely,  
**Nabeela Khatak**  
Chair, OPEN DC

