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## Message from Stockton UNIDOS: Latinos in Solidarity with BLM

Colleagues/Colegas,

Two years ago, the UNIDOS organization was formed to bring together “La Comunidad” (community) at Stockton University and lead efforts to expand cultural and historical awareness of the contributions the Latino/a and Hispanic community. In those short two years, we hosted close to 100 events which sought to bring awareness and unity amongst Hispanic, Latin, immigrant, and the African American communities.



Afro-Latinidad is an integral part of our Latin identity as well as who we are as an organization as history teaches us that more slaves were sent to Latin American than the U.S. during the American slave trade. We stand with our Black brothers and sisters in the Black Lives Matter movement and find it equally necessary to fight oppression as one. Latinos all over the world are standing in solidarity with the Black community as they march and protest alongside the Black community many of whom chanting:

“I am not black, but I see you. I am not black, but I hear you. I am not black, but I will mourn with you. I am not black, but I will fight for you.”

“Tu lucha, es mi lucha!” (Your fight is my fight!)

#latinxforblacklives

We stand with our Black brothers and sisters at Stockton and will continue to fight for Stockton students, faculty and staff of color to have a safe space to celebrate their diversity and express their deep sadness and anger.

Pa'lante!

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