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Statement Regarding the Killing of George Floyd

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The Commissioners and staff of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations send their deepest condolences to the family and friends of George Floyd. Our thoughts are also with the City of Minneapolis and all who are hurting due to the tragic and senseless killing of Floyd by a member of law enforcement.

We are in the midst of a pandemic that has already brought our societal inequities into focus. This tragedy only further highlights how much work we must do together to achieve equality and peace. We know that systemic oppression and structural racism influence interactions between citizens and systems of power, and cities and states must work harder to undo these patterns that further fracture communities. In the end, we must hold people accountable for their actions when they further perpetuate these systems of inequality, abuse their power, and harm those they are meant to protect.

The Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations is committed to help bring justice to those who face discrimination in the City of Pittsburgh. We also work to provide education and training around structural racism and bias to those in positions of power to prevent future injustices. We believe that it is imperative that all law enforcement officers receive specific training in procedural justice and implicit bias. As we all know, this work is far from over. If you have suggestions on how we can better serve the City, or would like to work with us, please reach out. If you or someone you know is experiencing discrimination please contact our office, our staff is here for you. During the pandemic we can be reached via phone at 412-436-9619, on social media @PghCHR, or by email at human.relations@pittsburghpa.gov.

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