

# #DESIGNASPROTEST

## DAY OF ACTION June 5, 2020

### Agenda

- Gratitude
- DAP Action Library / Your input
- Alignment with #M4BL
- DAP Demands
- Policy Action #01
- Closing / Poetic Justice

**1. Thank you.**

**2. Today.**

Raise your voice.

In solidarity.

Design for action.

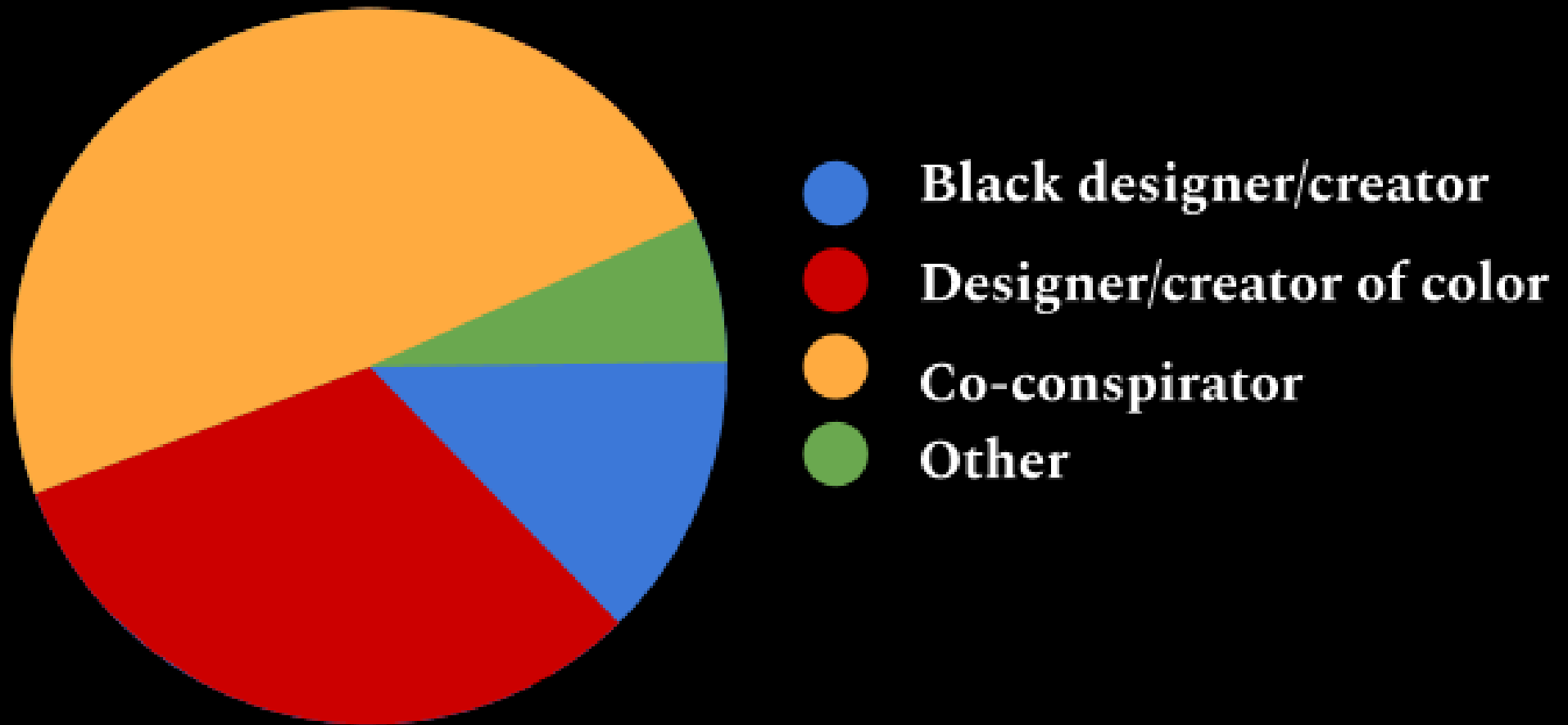
Intervene for justice.

The policies, processes, practices, and pedagogy by which we plan, design, and develop cities are rooted in racism.

**We must demand for this to change.**

# From the DAP-Form

How do you identify your role within the design field?



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# From the DAP-Form

## How would you like to be involved with Design As Protest?

STORYTELLING **233 (60%)**

RESEARCH & DATA COORDINATION **200 (51.8%)**

PLANNING & POLICY **181 (46.9%)**

DIRECT ACTION **141 (36.5%)**

AMPLIFY WORK **391 (85%)**

IMPLEMENT ACTIONS **387 (84.1%)**

CO-ORGANIZING **191 (41.5%)**

ADVISE DAP **98 (21.3%)**

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# Action Library

## 485+ Responses

## 21 Categories

Advocacy

Amplifying BIPOC Work

Business Practices &

Contracting

Community Listening &

Engagement

Design Thinking

Design Competitions

Direct Action & Protest

Diversity & Inclusion

Education & Training

Invest/Divest

Land Use & Zoning

Miscellaneous

Pedagogy

Policy

Reparations

Research and Data

Storytelling &

Visual Communications

Urban Design & Architecture

Urban Planning

Visual, Performance &

Tactical Art

Youth

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# In solidarity with M4BL



**END THE WAR ON  
BLACK PEOPLE**

## **We Demand an End to the War Against Black People**

We call for not just individual accountability of officers after a murder, but entire police departments. State actors like police, immigration agents, local officials, institutions who have caused harm to Black communities must acknowledge the harm they have caused Black families, make an official apology and commit resources to families and communities who have been forced to suffer.

# DESIGN JUSTICE DEMANDS

We cease our support of the  
carceral state through the design  
of prisons, jails, and police stations.  
All of these spaces inflict harm and  
extraction on black bodies far  
beyond that of other communities.

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# DESIGN JUSTICE DEMANDS

A cease to all efforts to implement defensible space and (CPTED) crime prevention through environmental design tactics.

These efforts often criminalize blackness under the guise of safety, and the breaching of these efforts promotes unwarranted interaction with the police.

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# DESIGN JUSTICE DEMANDS

That our cities and towns reallocate funds supporting police departments and reinvest in the critical needs of disinherited neighborhoods and communities.

Anyone who has worked with marginalized communities knows of multiple projects unable to find footing due to the lack of investment and resources. The design profession must be an actor in the visioning of these spaces.

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# What are we afraid of?

Fear drives many of our decisions as humans. Fear of loss, fear of harm, fear of shame. Fear drives us to protect one another, to make plans, to bias our actions to maintain our safety. In our conversations today what are we afraid to talk about and why?

**You're a \_\_\_racist.**

We are all subject to a system that is inherently racialized and we are necessarily complicit within it. We recognize that those with privilege and power are able to, whether wittingly or or unwittingly, marshal these systems to maintain power.

**WE MUST DEFEAT THE -ISMS!**

# **You're antiracist.**

Our obligation to each other is to actively acknowledge racialized and socialized bias in the system and seek to dismantle the privilege and power systems that perpetuate injustice. It is an ongoing process that will not be resolved in this workshop.

# **You're a creator.**

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# **Policy Action #01**

## **Take Action.**

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## Professional Organizations

*Make sure the people that represent you...actually represent you. Your voice is essential for steering professional organizations towards just policy.*

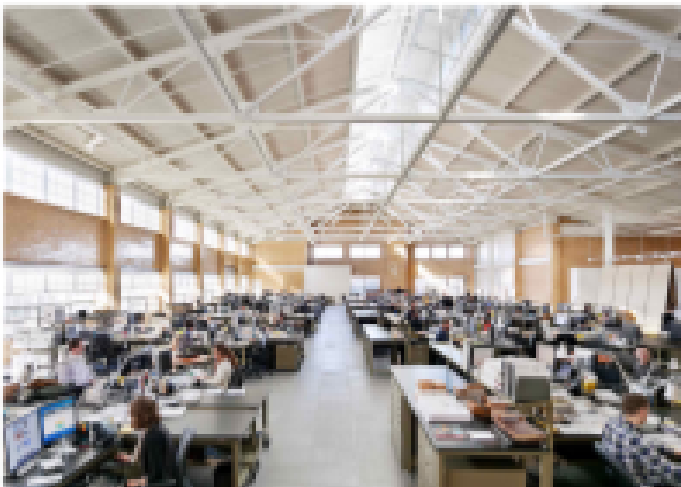
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## Local Governments

*Much attention gets focused on national and international politics, but your local sphere gives you much more proportional impact on many important issues such as policing and jobs. Reach out!*

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## Leading Practices

*Large firms create impactful projects that affect their surroundings for years to come. We must make sure these places of power aren't abusing it, and respond to calls for just design and planning.*

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## Design Schools

*Practice begins with learning. It is critical for designers and planners to receive an education that emphasizes their responsibility to design and plan for a just world.*

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# Quick Reflection.

In the chat, write one word that articulates how you are feeling in this moment.

## Responses from attendees:

Exhaustion

Hopeful

galvanized to action

Solidarity!

antsy

Empowered

optimism

driven

inspired

PISSED

fired up

FRUSTRATED

Act

accountable

hope, rage, power

Disappointment

Organize

Motivated

powerful

IMPATIENT

AGENCY

energized

READY

TIRED

Less oblivious

Determined

Refreshed

Motivated AF

FOCUSED

Working


# Poetic Justice.

To sin by silence, when we should protest, Makes cowards  
out of men. The human race Has climbed on protest. Had  
no voice been raised Against injustice, ignorance, and  
lust, The inquisition yet would serve the law, And  
guillotines decide our least disputes. The few who dare,  
must speak and speak again To right the wrongs of many.

No vested power in this great day and land Can gag or  
throttle. Press and voice may cry Loud disapproval of  
existing ills; May criticize oppression and condemn The  
lawlessness of wealth-protecting laws That let the  
children and childbearers toil To purchase ease for idle  
millionaires.

Therefore I do protest against the boast Of independence  
in this mighty land.

Until the manacled slim wrists of babes Are loosed to toss  
in childish sport and glee, Until the mother bears no  
burden, save The precious one beneath her heart,  
until God's soil is rescued from the clutch of greed And  
given back to labor, Let no man call this the land of  
freedom. **"Protest" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1914)**



**Design.  
Implement.  
Amplify.**

**#designasprotest  
#design4blacklives  
#designjustice**

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**Thank you for joining us.**