

#DESIGNASPROTEST

NATIONAL CALL

June 3, 2020

Agenda

- Ground-setting / Why are we here?
- Reflection on this moment
- Statement + Demands
- National efforts for Design Justice
- Action / Moving forward
- Closing

Why are we here?

A reflection on this moment



Police brutality is not adjacent to the built environment. It does not simply happen “in” the built environment. **Racial injustices like police brutality are of the built environment.**

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.**

M4BL Policy Demands

m4bl.org/policy-platforms



END THE WAR ON
BLACK PEOPLE



INVEST-DIVEST



COVID-19



ECONOMIC JUSTICE



COMMUNITY CONTROL



REPARATIONS

Design Justice forwards the radical efforts of racial, social and cultural reparation through the process and outcomes of design.

Design Justice seeks to challenge the privilege and power structures that use architecture and design as a tool of oppression.

Design Justice Demands...

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

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

...we cease our support of the carceral state through the design of prisons, jails and police stations.

...we advocate for planning, policies, and procedures that support a genuinely accessible public realm free from embedded oppression.

...that we cease the use of area mean income to determine “affordability” in our communities and instead root the distribution of state and federal resources in a measure that reflects the extraction of generational wealth from black communities.

Design Justice Demands...

...we ensure communities' self-determination through an established procedure that incorporates community voice-in-process and community benefits agreements in action for all publicly accountable projects.

...we detangle our contractual relationships with power and capital to better serve neighborhoods and communities from a position of service and not from a place of extraction and labor exploitation.

...we invest in and secure the place-keeping of black cultural spaces.

...we proactively redesign our architectural, planning, engineering training and licensing efforts to reflect the history of spatial injustice and build new measures to ground our work in service of liberating spaces.

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Hip Hop As Modernism's
Post Occupancy Evaluation



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Removals of Racist Monuments



BIRMINGHAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Art-based Considerations



Fight Back 365
Artivists STL



Chalked Unarmed, Mallory
Nezam & Derek Laney



All Hands on Deck,
Damon Davis



Mirror Casket,
Artivists STL

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Direct Action




Action moving forward? Help us organize.

Set of actions through June 19 (Juneteenth).

- Sign up for action & share the ideas you're thinking via the Google form:

<https://bit.ly/dap-form>

- Provide support through these types of engagement
 - a. Direct Action Planning and Policy
 - b. Youth Organizing
 - c. Storytelling / Documentation
 - d. Regional Organizing
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Research & Data Coordination
 - g. City Governance
 - h. Zoning and Development



**Design.
Implement.
Amplify.**

**#designasprotest
#design4blacklives
#designjustice**

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Thank you for joining us.