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Dear President Cowgill and commissioners:

We are deeply saddened and outraged by the brutal killing of George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, at the hands of the Minneapolis Police. We stand in solidarity with those who seek justice for his murder.

As long as people of color live in fear of police violence, environmental justice is not possible. And as long as people of color are made unwelcome or unsafe, we cannot have truly public spaces. Friends of the Mississippi River is committed to public spaces that are safe, healing and accessible to all.

In recognition of this vision, and of our collective failure to achieve it, we support the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's resolutions 2020-232 and 2020-233 to reduce its relationship with the Minneapolis Police Department.

This is only a first step in creating truly safe public spaces. We all have more work to do. We look forward to working alongside community members, MPRB leaders and staff, and other agencies as this critical and urgent work continues.

Sincerely,

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