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**STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD**

Union Settlement condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing of George Floyd. The actions taken by the Minneapolis police officers were inexcusable, indefensible, and illegal, and everyone involved must be brought to justice immediately.

Union Settlement has served the East Harlem community for over 125 years, and we know well the crushing impact of historic and institutionalized racism. The disparate treatment of individuals and communities of color is a daily occurrence, and the horrific death of George Floyd is just one example of a pervasive problem that rears its head in a multitude of ways.

We fully support those who are peacefully protesting Mr. Floyd's death, we join them in calling for the immediate arrest of the officers involved, and we pledge to continue our century-long efforts to ensure equality and social justice for all.

We extend our deepest condolences to George Floyd's family, friends and colleagues, and we will keep him and all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

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