



Motion to Support Black Lives Matter Toronto

WHEREAS, the Toronto police officer who fatally shot Andrew Loku last July will not face any charges;

WHEREAS, Black Torontonians and their allies are outside of Toronto Police Headquarters right now on their 4th day of occupation (#BLMTOtentcity) to challenge anti-Black racism;

WHEREAS, Toronto Police Services have used excessive force during the #BLMTOtentcity occupation, shoving and pushing protesters including women, children and disabled people;

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter Toronto have released a statement and are asking individuals and organizations to sign on¹;

WHEREAS, this statement includes demands such as:

- The release of the name(s) of the officer(s) who killed Andrew Loku.
- Charges to be laid against the officers who killed Mr. Loku.
- The immediate and public release of any video footage from the apartment complex of Andrew Loku on the night he was murdered.
- An apology to the family of Andrew Loku and monetary compensation.
- An overhaul of the Special Investigations Unit, with adequate consultation from families victimized by police violence, the Black community, and the community-at-large
- A reversal to all city-mandated changes imposed on Afrofest, including its restoration to a 2-day festival

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU sign on to the Black Lives Matter Toronto #BLMTOtentcity statement of solidarity;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU share the Black Lives Matter Toronto #BLMTOtentcity statement of solidarity with its membership through social media and the listserv.

Moved by,
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¹ Statement here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ftnk94kGmjso5_lhMZBA6H72DeSjqt6frcgbfejR2Q/viewform