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Hello

CUPE Local 1004 is proud to donate \$500 to the Hogan's Alley Society, as one part of an ongoing and recommitted drive to fight anti-Black racism in Vancouver.

CUPE 1004 members voted to support the Hogan's Alley Society's mission of daylighting the presence of Black history in Vancouver and British Columbia. Our union hopes to continue this support by urging our members and the public to support the learning of a new history of our region, and will look to further means to support the Hogan's Alley Society's objectives of

"preserving and promoting the historical, cultural, societal and economic contributions made by Black Settlers and their descendants to Vancouver, Greater Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia, the Pacific Northwest and Canada."

CUPE 1004 members work proudly at Nora Hendrix Place serving and caring for the residents of this temporary modular housing development on the Hogan's Alley Block. As a union we recognize the historic impacts of development and gentrification on the Downtown Eastside communities of Chinatown and Strathcona, which included the displacement of Black people from this community 50 years ago.

Looking to the future and the re-development of the Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts which caused this displacement - CUPE 1004 wholeheartedly supports the Hogan's Alley Call to reclaim that land once wrongly taken.

CUPE 1004 urges all our members and the public to support the Hogan's Alley Society's campaign and petition: <https://www.hogansalleysociety.org/stand-with-vancouvers-black-community-now/> which states:

"We call on the City of Vancouver to take immediate action to Redress the Displacement of the Black Community in the area known as Hogan's Alley by making a commitment to our Proposal for a Non-profit Community Land Trust on the Hogan's Alley Block (Bound by Gore, Main, Union, and Prior Streets)."

In CUPE 1004's efforts to stand with Vancouver's Black community, we recognize that the police and vigilante violence against Black and other racialized people is not just an American problem, but also a Canadian problem, and a matter all Canadians must now commit to address.

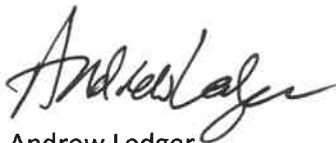
Racism and violence should be given no place to survive in our society. We stand enraged by the continuing murders of Black, Indigenous and racialized people. We stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, and with all those on the front lines fighting racism and injustice at all levels: from our own personal inherent racism that we must unlearn and reconcile, to the institutional and systematic racism we must confront and combat.

With our union representing workers employed in many worksites including at the City of Vancouver, we know we have much work to do in making sure our city, province, country and planet become a safer, freer place for racialized people to work and to live without fear.

The recent police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis is sadly only a continuation of terror and repression based in white supremacy. These tragedies cannot be forgotten, and these deaths caused by bigots must be avenged by all of us working together for a more equal and equitable society.

We thank the hard and enduring work of Hogan's Alley Society in raising the vital local actions we can take in Vancouver, and we hope this support from our union is just a first step on the path to reconciling our past as we build a world where such crimes never occur again.

In solidarity



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cc: Executive Board