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Hundreds of Cultural Workers Urge NYC to Defund Police and Invest in BIPOC Communities

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In the wake of protests over anti-Black police violence following the murder of George Floyd, the art world has been barraged by criticism for its sometimes insubstantial response: [posting a black square](#) instead of [ending police department contracts](#); silencing dissenters, especially [people of color](#). Now, an [open letter](#) authored by two New York-based curators, urging the local government to defund the police and invest in BIPOC communities, is quickly garnering support from across the arts sector.

Penned by Natalia Viera, co-founder of Pública Espacio in Puerto Rico, and Patrick Jaojoco, director of programs at FABnyc, the missive outlines a series of demands that would steer the city's expense budget "away from the NYPD, and towards social and civic services and education programs."

"We ourselves are arts workers with direct ties to Puerto Rico and the

Philippines, both with similar American imperial histories. We were frustrated with how arts institutions — some of which we have worked with before — were responding or not responding to the emergency that the Black community has been going through for centuries,” Viera and Jaojoco told Hyperallergic.

“We saw a silence where there needed to be loud and immediate demands to change this system so that all oppressed communities can be free,” they added. The authors also acknowledged earlier this year, the Black School [ran an open letter about police presence in the MTA](#) that served as a model for their text.

Addressing Mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo as well as the city’s police commissioner and district attorneys, they ask that government respect protesters’ rights; end violence against Black people; hold the NYPD accountable; and offer immediate relief to the communities affected in the form of rent cancellations and student loan forgiveness, among other measures.

The letter has more than 400 signatures so far from members of nearly every corner of the art world — gallery directors, museum staff, independent curators, artists, and others. Among them are artists Chloë Bass and Michael Rakowitz; Vera List Center curator Eriola Pira; Visual AIDS executive director Esther McGowan; and Jinny Khanduja, deputy director of the Storefront for Art and Architecture.

De Blasio’s proposed budget cuts for Fiscal Year 2021, Viera and Jaojoco argue in their letter, failed to “slash the NYPD budget by any significant margin,” instead draining arts, education, and youth programs of resources. They mention Black victims of police brutality and vigilantism by name: Eric and Erica Garner, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, and “the millions of other Black women, men, queer, and trans people.”

The problem of systemic racism requires collective action, not just sharing a Black artist’s work on social media, the authors told Hyperallergic.

“We should and have been asking: why are there are so many white

men on boards and in positions of power? In a fundamentally racist society, in which silence equates to violence and ‘business as usual’ actively destroys our communities, why hasn’t there been more concrete action from the arts community to end systemic racism?” said Viera and Jaojoco.

“We need to start acting in our schools, art institutions, the architecture and design industries, and elsewhere, to think beyond ways in which we can be more ‘diverse’ and ‘inclusive,’” they add.

“As we saw in the banners that were displayed at the [Whitney Museum protests](#) a year ago: ‘they want the art but not the people.’ We, as arts workers together and united, want to say that we are the people, and we will be heard.”

Read Jaojoco and Viera’s open letter, reproduced in full, below. The letter is available in both English and Spanish at their website, [artworkersforblacklives.com](http://artworkersforblacklives.com), produced by web designer Agnes Cameron. To add your name, sign [here](#).

*Open Letter from Arts and Cultural Workers of NYC, Demanding the Defunding of the Police and Investment in BIPOC Communities*

attention:

Governor Andrew Cuomo

Mayor Bill de Blasio

Police Commissioner Dermot F. Shea

District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr.

District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

District Attorney Darcel Denise Clark

District Attorney Melinda Katz

District Attorney Michael McMahon

June 3rd, 2020

To the aforementioned:

As New York residents as well as artists, art writers, arts administrators, curators, and cultural workers, we are outraged not only at the last week of police brutality in response to protests, but also the centuries of

systemic murder and oppression of our communities from overfunded and increasingly militarized police.

Last April, Mayor de Blasio proposed major budget cuts for the Fiscal Year 2021, especially to the arts, education, and youth programs, while refusing to slash the NYPD budget by any significant margin. We urge you to consider the ethical and equal reallocation of the NYC expense budget, away from the NYPD, and towards social and civic services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY21, July 1st 2020.

We write in remembrance of Eric and Erica Garner. We write in remembrance of George Floyd. We write in remembrance of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, and the millions of other Black women, men, queer, and trans people who, since the founding of this nation, have suffered systemic violence at the hands of police brutality. We write with our Black and brown communities in mind, who have suffered systemic underinvestment and oppression that have resulted in an overwhelming and disproportionate number of deaths from COVID-19.

In a time when it has become clearer and clearer that your policies and the policies of your predecessors have failed us, consistently compromising the safety and health of Black and brown people, we write to make a plea for you to act in solidarity with the ongoing Black and brown movements around the nation. As artists and arts workers, we have the responsibility of imagining and manifesting new and better worlds. In line with this work, we demand the immediate decrease of police presence in response to the #BlackLivesMatter protests, and subsequent Divestment from the Police and Investment in Black Communities.

Following the work of the national Movement for Black Lives, we repeat and unite with the following specific demands:

#### Respect the Rights of Protestors

We demand that no harm come to protestors. Violations of property should never be equated with the violation of human life and integrity. End the curfew and scale back police presence. Immediately ban the use of tear gas, a chemical weapon banned in warfare per the Chemical

## Weapons Convention of 1993.

Limit the spread of COVID-19, which your officers have not done enough to address. Your officers have not worn masks, and the doubling of police presence means the doubling of the chance of COVID spread not only in our communities, but among the police force itself. Reallocate the money you are using to mobilize the police toward obtaining and distributing PPE and other medical equipment for hospitals and our communities.

## End the War Against Black People

We call for not just individual accountability of officers after a murder, but entire police departments. We demand an end to the criminalization, incarceration, and killing of our people.

Make immediately effective mandatory racial bias training, working with organizations such as the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond and the Center for Racial Justice in Education. Suspend the use of administrative leave for cops under investigation. Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in excessive force. Require cops to be liable for misconduct and settlements. Withdraw participation in police militarization programs.

## Community Control

Hold the NYPD immediately accountable by external community reviews. The most impacted in our communities need to control the laws, institutions, and policies that are meant to serve us, from our schools to our local budgets, economies, and police department.

## Immediate Relief for Our Communities

We demand rent cancellation, mortgage cancellation, a moratorium on utility and water shutoffs, and a cancellation of student, medical, and other forms of debt. We demand long-term economic solutions like a Universal Basic Income and Universal Healthcare in order to address the immediate crisis and pave the way for a just recovery that doesn't prioritize corporations and leave our communities behind. Support the families and the lives of those we have lost and those struggling to survive now.

We, the co-signers of this letter, stand with protesters around the city and nation in demanding deep, systemic change for our communities' fundamental rights to life. As we work in our practices to continue imagining a more just and equal world, we acknowledge the work that others have done throughout the centuries of our oppression. We amplify the calls for defunding the police and investing in our communities that now form the policy line of the overwhelming majority of us, your constituents.

We are of and for the people. We are only few of many who have no choice but to demand a better future. We will no longer be brushed aside.

sincerely,

Natalia Viera Salgado, Co-founder, Pública Espacio, Puerto Rico;  
independent curator

Patrick Jaojoco, Director of Programs, FABnyc; independent  
curator/writer

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Mana Pinto,  
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Kathryn McCrum, Gallery Associate, James Cohan  
Samuel Doyon, ArtsPool  
Kevin Lowenthal, Artist  
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Mel Skluzacek, Professor  
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Alli Arnold, Arts Administrator  
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Diana Palermo, Artist  
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