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"THE BATTLE IS NOT OVER!"

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We the people of color are at a critical time in our society. Yes, Derek Chauvin was found guilty on all three charges in the murder of George Floyd. We have witnessed the curtain of a failed law enforcement system ripped open with the guilty verdict and accountability won this round.

Yes, we celebrated the victory, make no mistake, the Battle is not over.

We cannot mistake a guilty verdict in the Chauvin trial as evidence that the persistent problem of police misconduct has been solved, or that the divide between law enforcement and so many of our communities they serve has been bridged; it has not.

As stated by Senator Chuck Schumer "we should not rest until congress passes strong legislation to end the systemic bias in law enforcement". Then and only then can George Floyd and so many other unnamed victims Rest In Peace.

Faith Organizing Alliance stands in solidarity with our faith communities and will stay on the Battlefield until Congress passes strong legislation to end systemic bias in policing. Then, perhaps, "Justice WILL roll down like a mighty stream" for ALL of God's children. We shall overcome, Peace and Solidarity.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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This week we are keeping a close eye on a bill that would abolish Nevada's death penalty. If Nevada abolishes the death penalty, it will be the 24th state to do so and the second this year.

AB 395- sponsored by Assemblyman Steve Yeager
 The Purpose: eliminate the possibility of the imposition of a sentence of death on persons convicted of first-degree murder.

The Outcome: passed the Assembly on April 13, 2021, by a vote of 26-16, with all Democrats supporting the measure and all Republicans opposing it. The bill advances to the state senate, where it faces uncertain prospects.

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WHAT'S NEXT:

COVID TESTING & VACCINATION SITES

- 4.24 - NEVADA HEALTH CENTER - COVID-19 VACCINES AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HEALTH CENTER. REGISTER HERE: WWW.NVHEALTHCENTERS.ORG/C19VACCINE. THIS IS NOT A WALK-IN EVENT.
- ONGOING - VACCINATION SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND PARTNER VACCINATION CLINICS: [HTTPS://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/](https://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/)
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RECOGNIZED CALENDER DATES

- 4/22 EARTH DAY

"Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public."
 ~Cornel West

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