

Statement: Daniel Prude & Racial Justice in Rochester, NY

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It is especially evident now, **but evident always**, that Rochester is not the just and equitable city we should expect and that we require. The horror of the death of Daniel Prude, and the shocking and cruel manner by which it was revealed to us, demonstrates that we continue to live in two Rochesters; one a city of the fortunate and privileged, and one a city of the ostracized and oppressed. This cannot continue. All of us must commit ourselves to building a fair, tolerant, and just city. It is time for us to reimagine a Rochester that is shaped and shared equally and joyfully by all of its citizens. We do not yet have that Rochester, and **we stand with all those who will work to make that city real.**

-The Community Design Center Rochester Board & Staff