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COVID-19 Update

TCDP Meetings Suspended

We are working with the state party and health officials to determine safety protocols for future meetings. We are tentatively planning a meeting for July. That will depend on our ability to feel comfortable with the safety protocols.

We took pro-active, early action in mid March to stop the spread and protect our members, staff, and elected officials by cancelling all Alabama Democratic Party sponsored events, and requiring most Party employees to work from home. – Chair Christopher England

From The Vice-Chair

A Mother's Son or a Suspect?

Every American should be outraged about the brutal death of another innocent human being. We can no longer avoid the uncomfortable conversations about racial inequities in the criminal justice system in America. The criminal justice system's high volume of contact with people of color is a major cause of African Americans' disproportionate rate of fatal police encounters. Despite only making up 13 percent of the US population, Black Americans are 2.5 as likely as white Americans to be killed by the police. The murder of George Floyd was the "Straw that Broke the Camel's Back"! George Floyd was in such distress from the knee on his neck, that he soiled himself, while treated like an "inanimate object" until he took his last breath (continued on p.2)



Thank you for reading our newsletter and for supporting the TCDP with your talents and gifts.

We have some exciting things that will be happening soon, and we hope that you will continue to support the TCDP. Can you give \$5 to help spread a message of hope for the future? Go to <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tc20> and donate to help grow our party today.



Campaign Training

Opportunities for Campaign Training.

Mid-July is typically the beginning of the heart of campaign season. With the challenges posed by the Coronavirus outbreak, many traditional campaign (cont. on page 2)

George Floyd and his mother



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and even then, the officers did not remove their weight from his lifeless body. The *gut-wrenching* sound of George Floyd screaming for his “mama” resulted in heartbreak and fear for my own Black son. My son has a kinky high-top fade and wears Jordan sneakers, Jordan T-shirts and likes to wear a hoodie. Although he is intelligent, well versed and funny, the sad reality is that he may be mistaken for a suspect one day. I can only hope that he will be seen as a human being, deserving of a chance to be free of a society that has proven over and over that his life does not matter.

I am in favor of peaceful protest, as a people, advocating against killing unarmed Black men by those that are supposed to protect them. This issue has not been addressed in legislation and we are in a position to vote in legislators who are in support of the need for unity in addressing this ongoing problem. As Americans of all ethnicities, we should advocate for change. As Americans let us vow to add value to Black lives as we do all other lives. Let us vow to have the uncomfortable conversations that should eventually result in an all-inclusive America.

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activities will need to be re-imagined and refined. The National Democratic Training Committee does outstanding training seminars, that will be held digitally this month.

June 15 & 16, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Join the National Democratic Training Committee and the Alabama Democratic Party on June 15th and 16th (5:30-8pm) for a 2 day free virtual live training with expert trainers. Training for candidates/campaign staff and local leaders will cover the following subjects: Field, Fundraising, Communication, and Digital.

<https://traindemocrats.org/event/ndtc-alabama-democratic-party-essentials-training-6-15-6-16-2020/>

How Can You Help

We Are Moving Forward.

If you know someone who would like to be added to our email list, please let us know at tcdpemail@gmail.com or info@tallapoosadems.org

If you are able to donate \$5 to support the TCDP, please <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tc20> and give today.

If you want to get involved, please contact us at tcdpemail@gmail.com or info@tallapoosadems.org and we'll get you all the information you need to make a difference in 2020.

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