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On Monday, George Floyd, a local resident and member of the Minneapolis hospitality community, died while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. You have likely seen video footage or media coverage of his death and the subsequent protests. Our community is in pain and we share in that suffering.

While more details will emerge during the adjudication process, what we all saw and heard defies explanation. To quote our mayor, Jacob Frey, "He was a human being and his life mattered." We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Floyd.

This is not what Minneapolis stands for, and it's not who we are. What you have seen is not indicative of the city we call home.

As the nation continues to grapple with the past and current injustices in the American systems, we remain committed to our city's pursuit of justice and work for human rights.

Many of you have reached out to members of our team, and me, personally. Minneapolis is a city that welcomes people from around the world. I have personally spoken to the police chief on numerous occasions and know his commitment to positive community engagement and the restoration of trust by the citizens and the department he leads. The immediate termination of the four officers involved in the incident and the mayor's call for charges are actions that speak to this intent.

I am here for our community, and I am here for our partners. I encourage you to reach out to me at any time.

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President & CEO, Meet Minneapolis