



Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Inc. is a non-profit corporation whose mission is dedicated to charitable, educational and community-based services. In furtherance of that mission BWL has compiled the following list of resources in order to aid protestors and the broader community navigate these times. The resource list is separated into three sections: 1) Community Resources, 2) Resources to Help Effect Change and 3) Ways Attorneys Assist Protestors. This is a working list. If you are aware of any additional resources that please submit the information to BWL's Community Action Committee by sending an email to contact@blackwomenlawyersla.org

I. Community Resources

A. Protestor Resources

1. **Free Legal Aid.** If protestors are arrested for a low level offense they should contact either the National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles (<https://nlg-la.org/>) or Justice-X (<https://justice-x.com/>) for pro bono representation after their release. Offenses considered low-level are things like disorderly conduct, failure to disburse, failure to follow a lawful order and similar violations. Most people in Los Angeles are getting out of jail with no bail if they are arrested for protest related offenses. Protestors should be aware that in can take several hours to be processed and released. Upon release protestors should contact a friend/family member to pick them up. Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer [announced](#) that his office will not file any low-level offense cases -- no strings attached. If the protester is arrested for a higher level offense a friend or family member can contact NLG-LA or Justice-X on the protester's behalf.
 - a. If the protester would like assistance from the NLG-LA [please have the arrestee fill out this form](#) to be included the NLG-LA's mass defense network.
 - b. If the protester would like to be represented by Justice-X they should complete the intake form found here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc95sDG8DUn9swL6_k0OgkiMtlEwEk1BTKEPO19QfoAnOUc_w/viewform .
2. **Bail Funds.** If you or someone you know is in need of bail funds, contact The Bail Project: Call 1-833-425-6827 and provide: Full name, jurisdiction, jail or police precinct, date of birth, bail amount, family contact number. Michael Nishimura is the Los Angeles Site Coordinator (323) 366-0799 <https://bailproject.org/>.

3. **Report Police Violations.** To document police civil rights violations or excessive force [Please fill out this form](#) . The information will be provided by the National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles and will inform their database of police violations.
 4. **Know Your Rights Training.** NLG-LA provides a training to assist in learning about rights at protests and encounters with law enforcement. The next training is June 16th 2020: [Register](#) If you are unable to attend this session check their website for additional training sessions <https://nlg-la.org/>
- B. **CARES Stimulus Check.** If you or someone you know has yet to receive their stimulus check use the get my Payment toolkit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>
- C. **Food**
1. **Medi-Cal or CalFresh Benefits:** <https://commonapp.1degree.org/>
 2. **Free meals for Older Adults:**
 - a. **LA County Pick Up Sites.** Adults 65 and older must send a family member, friend or caregiver who is under the age of 65 to pick-up meals, [pick-up sites](#), Delivery available, call (800) 510-2020 More info: <https://wdacs.lacounty.gov/covid-19/>
 - b. **Department of Aging.** Seniors already enrolled in the meal program can sign up for meals by calling the Department of Aging at 213-482-7252. Seniors not already enrolled in the meal program can call the department at 213-482-7252 to enroll. Seniors not aware of their meal provider can call 1-800-510-2020. Contact by phone at 213-482-7252 (Monday-Sunday: 8 AM - 5 PM) or by e-mail at age.webinfo@lacity.org More info: [Department of Aging Webpage](#)
 - c. **Alliance Charter School Students** [See pick-up sites](#) More info: [Alliance Schools: Latest News on COVID-19](#)
 - d. **LAUSD Students** Hours: Monday through Sunday from 7:30am to 6:30pm More info: [Dream Center Food Program starts Monday, March 16](#)
 - e. **AV Students** Hours: Monday through Thursday from 10:30am-12:30pm; Thursdays pick-up includes breakfast/lunch for Friday as well as breakfast for Monday. [See meal distribution schedule/locations](#)
 - f. **LANCSD Students** [See pick-up locations](#) Hours: Monday through Friday, from 11:30am to 1pm (April 6-June 30)
 - g. **WIC Remote Food.** PHFE WIC is helping people both apply to WIC and receive their WIC food remotely. They are currently operating online and by phone. They are encouraging anyone who has been affected by COVID-19 to apply. Call or text 1-844-469-3246 or go to the website to apply. Phone number: 213-481-2448, address: 1311 Glendale Blvd Unit B and C Los Angeles, CA 90026, hours from 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday More info: <https://www.phfewic.org/locations-and-hours/>
- D. **Rental Housing**
1. **COVID Housing Protections.** What to do when you can't pay rent:
 - a. Notify your landlord of your inability to pay. Sample letters are available from the Coalition for Economic Survival at contactces@earthlink.net
 - b. Do not sign any type of separate agreement with your landlord.
 - c. If you receive an eviction notice, DO NOT MOVE OUT. Courts are not processing eviction hearings, and you cannot legally be evicted for an inability to pay rent during this crisis.

- d. Seek advice from an attorney. Legal counsel is available. Email askanattorney@edn.la for more information.
 - e. Document everything related to COVID-19 hardship. This includes but is not limited to: a directive from employer to cut back hours or stop working, letters notifying tenants of income reduction, notices related to the termination of work.
2. **COVID Eviction Protections**
- a. Landlords cannot evict a residential tenant for Nonpayment of rent if the tenant is unable to pay rent due to circumstances related to COVID.
 - b. Landlords cannot exercise a no-fault eviction during the emergency period.
 - c. Landlords cannot withdraw an occupied residential unit from the rental housing market under the ELLIS Act during the crisis.
 - d. Landlords cannot evict tenants due to the presence of unauthorized occupants, pets or nuisance related to COVID.
 - e. Landlords cannot charge interest or late fees on unpaid rent due to COVID.
3. **Short – Term Rental Assistance.** Door of Hope. Providing \$1000 for short term rental assistance for people who have reduced or no income because of lost jobs/hours. Call 626-808-5168 Address: 669 N Los Robles Pasadena, CA 91101. Hours: 9:00am-5:30pm More info: <https://doorofhope.us/>
4. **Donation-based consultations with housing attorneys.** Eviction Defense Network. Serve households facing eviction by providing consultations for a donation (no one turned away due to lack of funds) and/or providing representation in court on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay (payment plans are available). Send an email to: askanattorney@edn.la. If you don't have email, send a text or call: 213/537-5473 and your request will be screened by a paralegal. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am to 9pm; Friday 9am to 6pm More info: [EDN Landing Page](#)
5. **LA Housing and Community Investment Department Information** Mayo issued a COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium Emergency Order. To learn more please see website or call 1-866-557-7368 [LA Housing + Community Investment Department website](#)
- E. **Employment**
- 1. National Hire Network <https://hirenetwork.org/employers>
 - 2. Cal Jobs <https://www.caljobs.ca.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx>
 - 3. LA County Department of Human Resources <https://hr.lacounty.gov/>
 - 4. Fair Chance – Reentry program for justice-involved individuals. <https://fairchance.lacounty.gov/>
- F. **Childcare Support.** Subsidized childcare for low-income families through Pathways LA. Pathways LA processes payments for the child care provider of choice. Offices are closed to the public by parents can apply online at <https://pathwaysla.org/> or by phone at (213) 427-2710 More info: [Pathways LA Landing Page](#)
- G. **Financial Coaching.** Free one-on-one financial coaching and counseling through Haven Neighborhood Services. Free one-on-one financial coaching and counseling. For those experiencing economic hardship due to Covid-19. Haven is providing credit counseling, debt relief, and foreclosure prevention services. M-F, 9am-5pm; Los Angeles County residents can call Haven Neighborhood Services and set an appointment at (213) 375-4663 or info@havenservices.org <http://havenservices.org/>
- II. **How We All Can Effect Change:**
- A. **Demand Justice**

1. **Justice for George Floyd**
 - a. <http://chnng.it/Rtpbxv2CdK>
 - b. Text Floyd to 55-156
 2. **Justice for Breonna Taylor**
 - a. https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/justiceforbre-breonna-taylor-officers-fired?source=coc_main_website
 - b. <https://justiceforbreonna.org/>
 - c. Leave a message for Louisville Mayor and demand justice for Breonna Taylor 502-574-2003
 - d. Demand officers John Mattingly, Brett Hankison, and Myles Cosgrove be terminated and charged with the murder of Breonna Taylor 502-735-1784 https://www.change.org/p/andy-beshear-justice-for-breonna-taylor/psf/promote_or_share?recruiter=
 3. **Justice for Ahmaud Arbery**
 - a. Demand the GBI bring charges against the McMichaels and William Bryan and investigate and bring charges against Glynn County police officer Robert Rash for their role in Ahmaud Arbery's killing <https://www.runwithmaud.com/#petition>
 - b. <https://www.change.org/p/liberty-county-district-attorney-justice-for-ahmaud-arbery>
 4. **Justice for Tony McDade** <https://www.change.org/p/black-lives-matter-activists-justice-for-tony-mcdade>
 5. **Hands Up Act Petition** <https://www.change.org/p/us-senate-hands-up-act>
 6. Text Justice to 66-8336
 7. Text Enough to 55-165
- B. Donate**
1. **National Lawyers Guild Foundation.** Organization providing free legal aid to protestors. <https://nlg-la.org/donate/>
 2. **People's City Council Freedom Fund.** The L.A. activist group Peoples City Council stages protest actions on a variety of issues around social and economic justice. Recently, the local group has been lobbying for a city budget that reduces the share of public funds used to pay for the LAPD. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/peoples-city-council-ticket-fund>
 3. **Black Lives Matter Los Angeles.** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/blmla>
 4. **Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment.** This grassroots organization aims to register voters and empower Californians to advocate and vote for economic, racial, and social justice. <https://www.acceaction.org/donate>
 5. **Bail Project.** With locations in Compton, Van Nuys, and San Diego, as well as offices or partnerships in cities from coast to coast, the Bail Project is one of the largest and most established bail funds. <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/the-bail-project>
 6. **Justice for Breonna** https://www.change.org/p/andy-beshear-justice-for-breonna-taylor/psf/promote_or_share?recruiter=
 7. **Run with Maud** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/i-run-with-maud>
 8. **The Innocent Project** <https://www.innocenceproject.org/donate/>
 9. **National Bail Fund Network** <https://www.communityjusticeexchange.org/nbfn-directory>

10. **Campaign Zero.** Campaign Zero is a national advocacy organization that uses data-based research to inform policy solutions aimed at eliminating police violence. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=faKsILoc2ohq-6lmn5M-VqaKPoA9gal-K933X5WzR8fb45Hgu97bSG-eT-AAg2gpENsUgG&fromUL=true&country.x=US&locale.x=en_US
11. **Black Visions Collective.** A Black, trans, and queer-helmed organization in Minnesota, Black Visions Collective has been working to “pursue our commitment to dismantling systems of oppression and violence” since 2017. Right now, that means delivering supplies and support on the ground. <https://secure.everyaction.com/4omQDAR0oUiUagTu0EG-Ig2>
12. **Black Lives Matter** https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ms_blm_homepage_2019
13. **National Bail Out** bit.ly/localbailfunds
14. **Reclaim the Block.** This advocacy group in Minneapolis was established in 2018 with a goal of diverting city funds from the Minneapolis Police Department and into non-police programs that serve communities in need. <https://secure.everyaction.com/zae4prEeKESHBv0MKXTIcQ2>
15. **Minnesota Freedom Fund** <https://minnesotafreedomfund.org/donate>
16. **George Floyd Memorial Fund.** Established by the family of George Floyd, money raised by the memorial fund will be used to care for Floyd’s children, and to fund counseling, legal, and other essential services. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd>
17. **NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.** <https://www.naacpldf.org/>
18. **BWL Foundation.** Provides funds to encourage diversity in the legal profession and access to legal services within the African American community. <https://www.bwlfoundation.org/donate/>

H. Inform the Allocation of Government Funds

1. **Urge U.S. Senate to Pass (H.R. H.R. 6800) Coronavirus Bill**
 - a. Dianne Feinstein. 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-3841 www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me
 - b. Kamala Harris 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-3553 www.harris.senate.gov/contact
 - c. Sign NAACP Petition to <https://support.naacp.org/onlineactions/KLI11OBJJESBjPwvVEGZ-g2>
2. **Influence the reallocation of LA City Budget Funds.** Review the [“People’s Budget” for L.A.](#) which offers a guide to reallocating funds away from policing and into providing direct services in communities.
 - a. Attend the public meetings to be held on June 8, 15, 22, and 29th
 - b. Toolkit: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qbbq7YfJs102qJbGwGO1-wFa0diG16LdGYqiOoQ-hRAI/preview?pru=AAABcpsXKPU*vEsZUQYQt0AdUmfHtmr6nw

III. How You Can Help as an Attorney:

- A. **Participate as a Legal Observer.** Participate in the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild legal observer trainings. The next training is June 18th, 2020 [Register](#) if you plan to attend.
- B. **Legal Service Defense Team Volunteers.**

1. To volunteer to provide legal services with Justice-X complete this form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDE92AaE0Mn-b-O8dwc_b-amJhMpkmnf40Fn3NXpdhWnllXDg/viewform.
2. [Please fill out this form](#) to be added to the George Floyd Solidarity protester legal defense team facilitated through the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.