

Public Statement on the #BlackPride4 Protest

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On Saturday, during the Columbus Pride Parade a group of four black queer, trans, and gender non-conforming individuals staged a peaceful protest and a moment of silence to bring attention to the struggles trans and queer people of color face in our community.

We want to acknowledge that LGBTQ people of color have not always had the opportunity to have a voice in our community. During moments like this we are also reminded of the LGBTQ community's long history of staging acts of civil disobedience in order to be heard. Today we lift up their voices and ask our community to listen.

Pride has always been an opportunity to gather together in solidarity. We join the call for a community dialogue around this issue to move forward and we extend our support to our community partner Stonewall Columbus as they work to evaluate this incident.