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The Bethlehem Gadfly George Floyd killing June 2, 2020

 *Latest in a series of posts on the George Floyd killing* 

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Thank you [[Breena Holland](#)] for this thoughtful reply which echoes most of my same concerns with the Mayor’s letter.

It continues to be normalized in city government to drown out black and brown voices and centering only the white experiences.

We have an obligation to black and brown neighbors to learn the skills to avoid doing that.

A strong example in leadership would be helpful, and there are a number of community leaders who would willingly step up and do that if we got out of the way.

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