



Dear Carbondale,

Once again, our community and nation mourn over the senseless loss of life of a person of color. Although we can't undo this disturbing act, we can control how we respond to it, and hopefully prevent it from ever happening in Carbondale.

This weekend's gatherings remind us of everything great about Carbondale. People of all races came together to unite over a common interest, and to grieve. Our residents, like us, appreciate living in a diverse community where we can deepen our understanding of other races and cultures, broadening our perspectives, and allowing us to see greater possibilities in each other and the world.

We are blessed to have so many great community groups that we work with that help us better understand and bridge the differences that exist among us. We will continue to seek their leadership and advice and are committed to exploring new ways to better unite our community. We hope you commit your time and energy as well, and join us in making Carbondale a more welcoming and inclusive place for everyone.

We understand and share your pain. We ask that everyone remain calm during this trying time and be responsible and supportive of one another. Please stay healthy and safe and continue to support your community. The time to unite is now!

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