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Students of Loyola Marymount University,

The violent events that took place in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia this past weekend have been troubling for our country. These actions exposed how entrenched intolerance and hatred remain in our modern-day society.

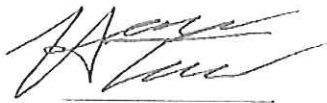
As a University rooted in the Jesuit and Marymount traditions, LMU students are called to think critically about ways in which they can contribute to the greater good of society. Any act of racism, oppression, marginalization and the broken systems that allow these themes to persist in our developing history are in direct conflict with the commitment to our University's mission, and shall be met with the relentless pursuit for justice. In the face of injustice, we are challenged to practice a high level of discernment and allow our knowledge and experiences to inform our actions of being with and for others.

We strongly affirm President Snyder's statement from August 14th, 2017, that "racism, fascism, and Nazism have no place in our society [...] and reject and oppose the acts and beliefs of the supremacists."

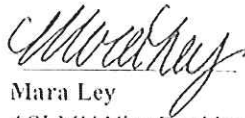
With that being said, the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University:

- Stand in community and solidarity with those affected by the actions that occurred this weekend, and recognize that racism, homophobia, anti-semitism, amongst others, continue to plague not only our nation, but our college campuses as well.
- Will strive to engage students in conversations and demonstrations that denounce racial discrimination, religious intolerance, micro-aggressions, and injustices faced by marginalized communities in order to promote a greater understanding of the need for a more equitable society.
- Remind all Lions that it is our responsibility to continue the fight toward a more just world by supporting those placed at the margins by structures of power and privilege.

We inherently believe that all are welcome, peace shall be preserved and that respect is fundamental. ASLMU is excited to engage the campus community in the discourse to advocate for a more just and equitable world, together.



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