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AIA Nevada, on behalf of our members and our community, is proud to share this statement issued by Robert Ivy, FAIA, EVP and Chief Executive Officer of the American Institute of Architects.

"As Americans, we are mindful of this nation's dark history of racial inequality. We are appalled by any actions that further threaten the [universal respect and human dignity that everyone deserves](#). As architects, we remain committed to advancing civil rights protections, fair housing policies, and accessibility in the built world to help achieve the more perfect union we all seek. The fact is that architects and AIA, in our more than 160-year history, have not always felt compelled to share our perspectives. But the times we live in, the horrific nature of the events we witness, and the role we see for every member of our society demands that we speak out."

While we may not control all threats to our society, our organization has the benefit of strong values that can carry us through the challenges we face. At the same time, our own calling—for our association, our profession, and for our culture as outlined by Whitney M. Young in 1968—is clear: to work to achieve a just, equitable, and inclusive society. "People are central to what we do." We need each other.

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