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BME National Statement in response to the riots

This is what BME National members are going to do in response to the riots – do more of what we were set up to do and what we do every day.

Many Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) housing associations were formed by community activists in response to previous riots in the 1980s.

Our work to address the housing inequalities and disadvantages of BME communities provides evidence of the good that comes from facing down discrimination, racism, and bigotry.

We continue to stand with our communities through difficult times, understanding the trauma caused by racism; we continue to celebrate with our communities the richness of our cultures and heritage and the contribution they bring to our vibrant, resilient society.

We believe that hate will never win, and we will not be divided by acts of aggression and intimidation against members of the Muslim and wider BME community. As always, we will stand in solidarity and support our tenants, staff, and communities in such worrying times.

About BMENational:

BME National is a collective of over 45 housing associations working in some of the most disadvantaged parts of the country. Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) housing associations were set up in the 1970s and now manage over 66,000 homes and act under the auspices of the National Housing Federation, as well as collaborating with the Federation to influence national housing policy, BME National also provides a consultative and promotional platform for BME housing issues. BME National aims to highlight the contribution BME housing associations make to successful, vibrant and integrated communities while promoting equality and diversity in the delivery of housing and support services.

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