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From Senator Catherine Cortez-Maestri

As I reflect on the last week or so, I sit here writing to you with heartbreak, anger and immense frustration. Of course, I know I am but one of the tens of millions of Americans feeling the exact same thing.

What happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis; Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky; Ahmaud Arbery in Satilla Shores, Georgia – and countless other black Americans – is heinous and unacceptable. As a country, we can no longer let this brutality continue. Racism is far too pervasive in America. And the prejudice and hate that stems from it is dangerous, wrong and deeply disturbing. Yet, it's also plagued our country for generations.

But now, our country has clearly reached a long overdue tipping point – and turning point. No longer can our response to racism – and the killings of black Americans in our streets, including murder by those sworn to protect us – be indifference or apathy. And more than anything – our response cannot be inaction.

What we've been seeing play out across cities and townships throughout the country these last nine days are Americans taking to the streets speaking out to say they've had enough of the status quo. They are demanding meaningful systematic and structural changes to address the egregious racial inequities in our justice system and, really, in every facet of our government and society – including in policing, housing, health care, education and employment, to name a few.

We must reckon with the violence that black Americans experience – and take action. Because, as Martin Luther King Jr. said – “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” This sacred plea should always be our North Star – now, more than ever.

While I know so many are feeling incredible pain, anger and frustration in our communities – and rightfully so – I call on you to try and keep your focus on seeking justice for George Floyd and achieving the change we so desperately need. Peaceful protests can be the catalyst for that change. But what will not help toward that change is what we saw in Las Vegas Monday night, where there were shootings leaving a police officer in critical condition. Violence is unacceptable and it's outrageous. That should not be our answer to our frustrations, outrage and deep sadness. We must remember that our unity is our power – and it will overcome those trying to hold us back from a more just future.

And as a U.S. senator, I want Nevadans and all Americans to know that I am committed to using my seat at the table to dismantle the systemic racism, discrimination and prejudices that have been prevalent in government and public life for too long. But it's going to take each and every one of us continuing to demand more – and better – in order to achieve it.

Every American deserves the right to feel protected and safe – regardless of the color of their skin. And I firmly believe that one of the most critical ways we work to ensure that is by voting in new leadership and a change of power in November. A leader is not someone who threatens military force on American citizens and has police attack peaceful protestors with tear gas all for a photo op in front of a church while acting like he's on the red carpet, holding a Bible as his prop. And leaders are also not those who continue to fail to hold this racist and xenophobic president accountable – and only embolden and empower the ugliest in him and America. We must vote for leaders that will stand beside us in this fight.

I hope you know that the work you're doing every day, as part of this grassroots community, will elect leaders who will foster the environment to affect the change we need. I know I say this a lot, but it really does feel like now, more than ever, this work couldn't be more important. Please keep speaking out and standing up for what is right – and for the America we know we can achieve for our children and grandchildren, together. And above all else, please stay safe and take care of yourself and those you love.

¡La lucha sigue! The fight continues!

Catherine

Recreate the Stamp Challenge

Recreating museum-worthy art at home has recently become a fun and fascinating quarantine distraction! Now, the National Postal Museum wants to put their own stamp on this trend, and they're inviting you to recreate a postage stamp using items from your home. **(Ok you artists; here's your chance to flood the PO with a native take on things.)**

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Today's selection -- from *Cosmos: Possible Worlds* by Ann Druyan. The first proto-city:

"Welcome to one of the mothers of all cities, Çatalhöyük, a community on the Anatolian plane that is now part of Turkey. ... [Nine thousand] years ago ... Çatalhöyük consisted of attached dwellings covering 33 acres. ... The city was so new back then, they hadn't invented the street yet -- or the window. So the only way you could get into your apartment was to walk over your neighbors' rooftops. A ladder was propped against the skylight opening of your apartment.

"Çatalhöyük lacked something much more significant than streets and windows. There was no palace here. The bitter price of inequality that the invention of agriculture cost human society had yet to be paid. Here, there was no dominance of the few over the

many. There was no one percent attaining lavish wealth while most everyone else merely subsisted or failed to subsist. The ethos of sharing was still alive and well. There is evidence of violence against women and children, but the weakest ate the same food that the strongest ate. Scientific analyses of the nutrition of the women, men, and children who lived here show a remarkable similarity, and everyone lived in the same kind of home. ... Dominating [every] room was a giant head of an auroch with massive pointed horns, mounted on the richly painted wall. The walls were lavishly festooned with the teeth, bones, and skins of other animals.



Çatalhöyük after the first excavations

"The apartments at Çatalhöyük have a distinctly modern look. The floor plan is highly utilitarian and modular, uniform from dwelling to dwelling, with cubicles for work, dining, entertaining, and sleep. Bare wood beams support the ceiling. It was home for an extended family of seven to ten people.

"The ocher that our ancestors picked up in Africa about a hundred thousand years before was now the medium of choice for the interior decorators of Çatalhöyük. Murals abound of aurochs, leopards, a running man, vultures pecking the flesh from headless corpses, hunters taunting deer. And they didn't just use it to depict animals. It played an important ceremonial role in the way they honored their loved ones after death.

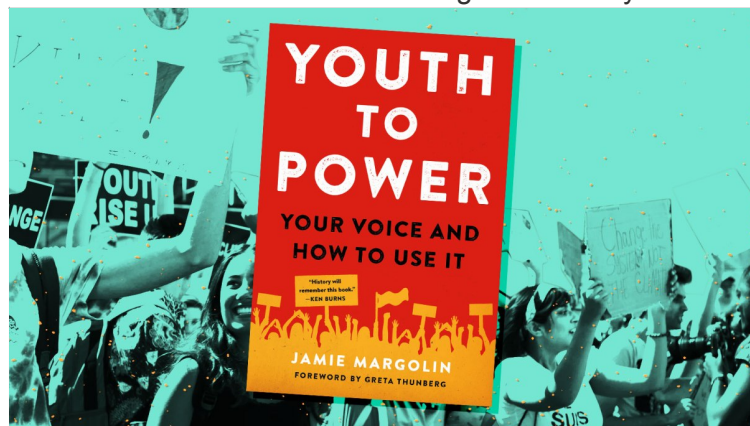
"A procession, bearing a corpse, would leave Çatalhöyük for a wide-open space on the Anatolian plain. A high platform awaited them. They would leave the corpse on the platform to be consumed by birds of prey and the elements. One person would remain to stand guard and assure that the bones would not be taken. ... The procession returned when nothing was left but the skeleton. Now, it was time to decorate it with red ocher and fold it into a fetal position before burying it beneath the living room floor of their apartment. From time to time, perhaps in the context of ritual, they would open the tombs beneath them and remove the skull of a loved one to keep with them where they lived."

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EPA makes 'contorted' legal argument for permit rule

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EPA's final rule that curtails states' authority over Clean Water Act permitting of pipelines, hydroelectric dams and other energy projects could run afoul of a 1994 Supreme Court ruling that originally granted states that oversight power. "That's their biggest vulnerability," said Mark Ryan, a former Clean Water Act attorney in EPA's Seattle-based Region 10 office. "This is a fairly significant restriction of states' rights, which is rather interesting because this administration is all about states' rights until they're not."



6 tips for becoming a youth activist (as told by a youth activist)

In her new book, climate activist Jamie Margolin shares how to find your voice — and use it

Truckee Meadows Water Authority Join landscape architect Tom Stille Saturday, 6/6/20, for a walking tour of Valley Wood Park. Come and see how lawn can be converted to a biodiverse garden that will help our honey bees, Monarch Butterflies and other urban



wildlife. <http://ow.ly/9fh950zX4IN>

NOTE REGARDING COVID-19: In keeping with Governor Sisolak's current guidance regarding COVID-19, event participants will be required to wear facemasks at all times and maintain at least six feet of social distancing.

[Elveda Martinez](#)

Please Vote! The deadline for the Nevada Primary Election is June 9, 2020. Get your ballot in the mail. There were a number of primaries held on Tuesday and there are a number of Natives moving on to the general election for Senate or House seats or who have won their seats in state governments. We need the Native Vote to count this year. Get registered to vote. [Teresa Magnuson Melendez Janet Davis](#)

4 Native candidates for Congress advance to November

All June 2 elections with Native candidates have been called except one #NativeVote20
Aliyah Chavez

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At least four Native candidates for Congress will advance to the general election.

Both candidates running in Idaho on Tuesday — **Paulette Jordan, Coeur d'Alene, and Rudy Soto, Shoshone-Bannock** — will appear on the November ballot.

Jordan will face incumbent U.S. Senator Jim Risch, while Soto will compete against incumbent U.S. Rep Russ Fulcher.

In New Mexico, **Yvette Herrell, Cherokee**, won the Republican nomination for a U.S. House seat. She will run against incumbent Democrat Rep. Xochitl Torres Small.

Incumbent U.S. **Rep. Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo**, officially landed the Democratic nomination in her bid for reelection, with no opposition in her New Mexico primary. She faces Republican Michelle Garcia Holmes in November.

Also in New Mexico, **Republicans Gavin Clarkson, Choctaw, and Elisa Martinez, Navajo**, lost their primary bids in a U.S. Senate race.

Karen Bedonie, Navajo, also ran unsuccessfully as a Republican in a congressional primary in New Mexico. The race has not yet been called, but Bedonie was in third place Wednesday evening with 94 percent of precincts reporting.

Six more Native candidates for Congress have primaries in August.

Indian Country Today followed 40 Native candidates seeking various offices Tuesday, including Congress and state legislature seats, in New Mexico, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota and Iowa.

Another contest of note Tuesday was in Montana, where state Rep. Shane Morigeau, Salish Kootenai, won the Democratic nomination for the office of state auditor. He will run against Troy Downing in November.

(Previous story: [Native candidates adjust campaigns amidst COVID-19](#))

Two of Tuesday's congressional candidates, Haaland and Soto, opted out of campaign parties in lieu of attending Black Lives Matter events.

Soto attended a candlelight vigil at the Idaho State Capitol in Boise. He gave post-election interviews from the event.

"I didn't want to have a celebration because it did not fit the times that we're in as a country," Soto said. He estimates thousands of people took part in the peaceful vigil.

Soto defeated Staniela Nikolova, a University of Idaho law student, in a U.S. House primary. He is running as Democrat to represent the state's 1st Congressional District.

Also in Idaho, Jordan, the 2018 Democratic gubernatorial nominee, spoke from the Coeur d'Alene Reservation after defeating former congressional candidate Jim Vandermaas.

"Thank you all, everyone, for taking this time to vote for me and to vote for my family. By voting, you're voting for yourselves. You're voting for Idaho," she said in remarks streamed live on Facebook.

"Because we [Idaho] turned out to vote with a new record set in the Democratic primary, this has shown that people are willing to fight for our Idaho. And when the pandemic forced this primary to an all-absentee election, it triggered an unprecedented number of ballot requests, and now the highest percentage of voter participation in a primary election in decades."

Jordan advances to face a tough general-election race against Risch, who ran unopposed in the GOP primary. Risch is seeking his third six-year term representing one of the country's most conservative states.

Jordan is well-known in the state from her campaign two years ago, when she sought to become the county's first Native American governor. She has generally advocated for progressive policies, including teacher loan forgiveness, better rural education and better access to health care.

Risch has a lengthy career in Idaho politics, serving briefly as governor in 2006. He chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and has been an avid supporter of President Donald Trump.

In New Mexico, Haaland was unopposed in her Democratic primary Tuesday in the metropolitan 1st Congressional District. In November, she will face Holmes, a Bernalillo-based attorney and former police detective.

Ali and Kenneth White Horse pose for a photo after voting in the Democratic primary on Tuesday in Santa Fe, New Mexico. (AP Photo/Cedar Attanasio)
The compact district overlapping Albuquerque hasn't been represented by a Republican since 2009.

Four Native Republicans also competed in New Mexico primaries.

Two of them — Clarkson and Martinez — were running in the same contest to compete in an open race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Tom Udall. They were defeated Tuesday by former television weatherman Mark Ronchetti of Albuquerque.

Bedonie ran as a Republican to represent New Mexico's 3rd congressional district. Her opponents were environmental engineer Alexis Johnson of Santa Fe and former Santa Fe County commissioner Harry Montoya.

In southern New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, Herrell prevailed over oil executive Claire Chase of Roswell and Las Cruces businessman Chris Mathys.

In Montana, Morigeau was one of two candidates for the Democratic nomination for state auditor. He defeated consumer advocate Mike Winsor, a former assistant state attorney general.

Morigeau will face the Republican nominee in the general election, Downing, a U.S. Air Force veteran and real estate investor.

Other state legislative races with Native candidates, updated as of Wednesday, June 3 at 7:45 p.m. EDT:

In Iowa, one candidate ran for state Legislature:

- WON: Christina Blackcloud, Meskwaki, IA House 72

Montana had 21 candidates running for state Legislature:

- WON: Jade Bahr, Northern Cheyenne, MT House 50.
- WON: Barbara Bessette, Chippewa Cree, MT House 24
- LOST: Jestin Dupree, Assiniboine, MT Senate 16
- LOST: Kristofer Fourstar, Assiniboine and Cree, MT Senate 16
- WON: Mike Fox, A'aniih, MT Senate 16
- LOST: Alex Gray, Little Shell, MT Senate 46
- WON: Donavon Hawk, Crow, MT House 76
- LOST: Dakota Hileman, Assiniboine, MT House 96
- WON: Rhonda Knudsen, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, MT House 34
- WON: Bruce Meyers, Chippewa Cree, MT House 32
- WON: Rae Peppers, Northern Cheyenne, MT Senate 21
- WON: Tyson Running Wolf, Blackfeet, MT House 16
- LOST: August Scalpcane, Northern Cheyenne, MT House 41

- WON: Jason Small, Northern Cheyenne, MT Senate 21
- WON: Frank Smith, Assiniboine, MT House 31
- WON: Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, Crow, MT House 42
- DISQUALIFIED: Kaden Walksnice, Northern Cheyenne, MT House 41
- WON: Marvin Weatherwax, Blackfeet, MT House 15
- LOST: Nick White, CSKT, MT House 15
- WON: Rynalea Whiteman-Pena, Northern Cheyenne, MT House 41
- WON: Jonathan Windy Boy, Chippewa Cree, MT House 32

New Mexico had nine candidates running for state Legislature :

- WON: Anthony Allison, Navajo, NM House 4
- WON: Doreen Johnson, Navajo, NM House 5
- WON: Derrick Lente , Sandia and Isleta Pueblos, NM House 65
- WON: Georgene Louis, Acoma Pueblo, NM House 26
- LOST: James R. Madalena , Jemez Pueblo, NM House 65
- WON: Shannon Pinto, Navajo, NM Senate 3
- WON: Patricia Roybal Caballero, Piro Manso Tiwa, NM House 13
- WON: Benny Shendo Jr., Jemez Pueblo, NM Senate 22
- WON: Brenda McKenna, Pueblo of Nambe, Senate 9

South Dakota had two candidates running for state Legislature:

- WON: Shawn Bordeaux, Rosebud Sioux, SD House 26A
- LOST: Alexandria Frederick, Oglala Lakota, SD House 26A

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Scholarships with July 1-15 Deadlines

9th Island Cultural Club of Las Vegas Aloha Scholarship	\$500	07/01/2020
ABC Humane Wildlife Control & Prevention, Inc. Academic Scholarship	\$1,000	07/01/2020
Arizona BPW Foundation Scholarship	Varies	07/01/2020
Arkansas Health Education Grant (ARHEG)	Varies	07/01/2020
BLM² Scholarship Foundation College Scholarship	\$1,000	07/03/2020
BrightLife Direct Physical Therapy Scholarship	\$1,000	07/10/2020
CIS Future Contractor Scholarship	\$750	07/01/2020
Daniel A. Terry Scholarship	\$2,000	07/01/2020
Daniel Burrus Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	07/15/2020

David Hudak Memorial Essay Contest for Freethinking Students of Color	\$3,500	07/15/2020
Dr. Kyle Hornby Annual Scholarship	\$1,000	07/01/2020
Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Program	\$9,000	07/01/2020
Eastern Amputee Golf Association Scholarship	\$4,000	07/01/2020
Elmer Carvey Scholarship	\$1,500	07/01/2020
First Responders Children's Foundation - Victoria Ovis Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000	07/01/2020
First Responders Children's Foundation - Vincent Bennett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship	\$20,000	07/01/2020
Fresno State Balanced Man Scholarship	\$500	07/15/2020
Future Contractors Scholarship	\$750	07/01/2020
Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship	\$1,000	07/01/2020
Gladys Heintz Memorial Scholarship	Varies	07/10/2020
Joshua Gomes Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	07/15/2020
Julia's Learning Foundation Scholarship	\$500	07/01/2020
Kobrin Family Scholarship	\$10,000	07/15/2020
Michael J. Latta EMS Scholarship Fund	Varies	07/15/2020
Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program	\$60,000	07/01/2020
NCCF Survivor Scholarship Program	\$1,000	07/03/2020
Pierce Bulter Scholarship	Varies	07/14/2020
Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship	\$12,000	07/01/2020
SAPA Scholarship & Excellence in Education Program	\$1,000	07/06/2020
SCAF Adult Scholarships	Varies	07/12/2020
Texas Urban Scholarship	\$2,000	07/06/2020

The Chelsy Tomashoff Memorial Scholarship for Print Design Excellence	\$1,500	07/15/2020
The Club Foundation Joe Perdue Scholarship	\$2,500	07/01/2020
The Mike Molino RV Learning Center's Scholarship Program	\$2,500	07/07/2020
WWF Conservation Leadership Award	\$5,000	07/17/2020



Gerald Warren “Rocky” Allen, Jr. of Fallon, Nevada passed away on Friday, May 29, 2020, at the age of 61. After several battles with chronic health problems he passed peacefully.

Rocky was born on May 7, 1959 in Los Angeles, CA. He lived in Fallon, NV for the majority of his life.

Rocky was a local star athlete with a passion for sports and always supported local teams, win or lose. He had a great sense of humor and could tell the most vivid, detailed stories that would capture the event, breathe life back into that old day and reminisce on a simple way of living. But mostly, Rocky loved people and cared deeply for family and friends. His big heart carried others’ burdens and he often spoke kind words. He fought hard for his health and made peace with God.

Rocky was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Shauna; and brother Ronald. He is survived by his step-mother Jeanette; brother Raymond; sister Rhonda; sons Shaun, Jesse and Justin; grandchildren Kallee, Marcus, Shaunangelo, Houston, Daniel, Amira, Allele, Anevay, Abigail and Evelyn; and great-granddaughter Aurora.

Family and friends are invited to join us for a viewing and visitation on Friday June 5, 2020 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home, 505 Rio Vista Dr., Fallon, NV 89406.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday June 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Gym, Fallon, Nevada. Burial will follow immediately at the FPST cemetery, Fallon, Nevada. Family and friends are invited to attend.