

Dear

My name is _____ and I am writing to you today as your constituent and a _____ to implore you to act. Like many people, I am extremely saddened and upset by the unjust treatment and police murders of Black people in this country. After watching in horror, the video of George Floyd's murder, I cannot erase the image of Mr. Floyd calling out, "Mama". There is absolutely no explanation or justification for how one human being can suffocate another human being, someone's child, for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Parents of Black and Brown children should not live in a reality where equality is a fairytale and where their children are continuously targeted and treated as less than human.

Racism is a pandemic that demands all of us working together to overcome. For this reason, I call upon you, as my elected official and government leader to represent me by:

- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that reduce over-policing and that reimagine budget priorities that fund social resources providing accessible mental health assistance, affordable healthcare, stable homes, workforce training, equal pay, strong early development education, arts programs, healthy food, and more.
- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that implement stronger hiring and education requirements for police officers, including training to recognize their racial prejudices, both implicit and explicit, and to teach them how to address and take responsibility for these prejudices and biases.
- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that prohibit the use of unreasonable force by police officers and block procedures that particularly target minority communities such as "stop and frisk."
- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that make police conduct more transparent by releasing police officers' disciplinary and complaint records and requiring that those records follow officers from city to city, county to county and state to state.
- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that mandate independent prosecuting attorneys, such as the State's Attorney General's office, to investigate and prosecute incidences of excessive police force.
- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that eliminate qualified immunity for officers that violate a person's constitutional rights from civil rights lawsuits.
- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that dissolve meeting department revenue goals by having arrest quotas and subsequent fines.
- **SUPPORTING and VOTING** for legislation and policies that require more extensive police and crime data collection to better understand how crime is created and evolves.

In essence, I call upon you to represent me as a parent, child, sibling, neighbor, desperate to protect those you love and to fight for the lives and futures of our children who are refused opportunity, prejudged, targeted, unjustly jailed, and murdered because of the color of their skin.

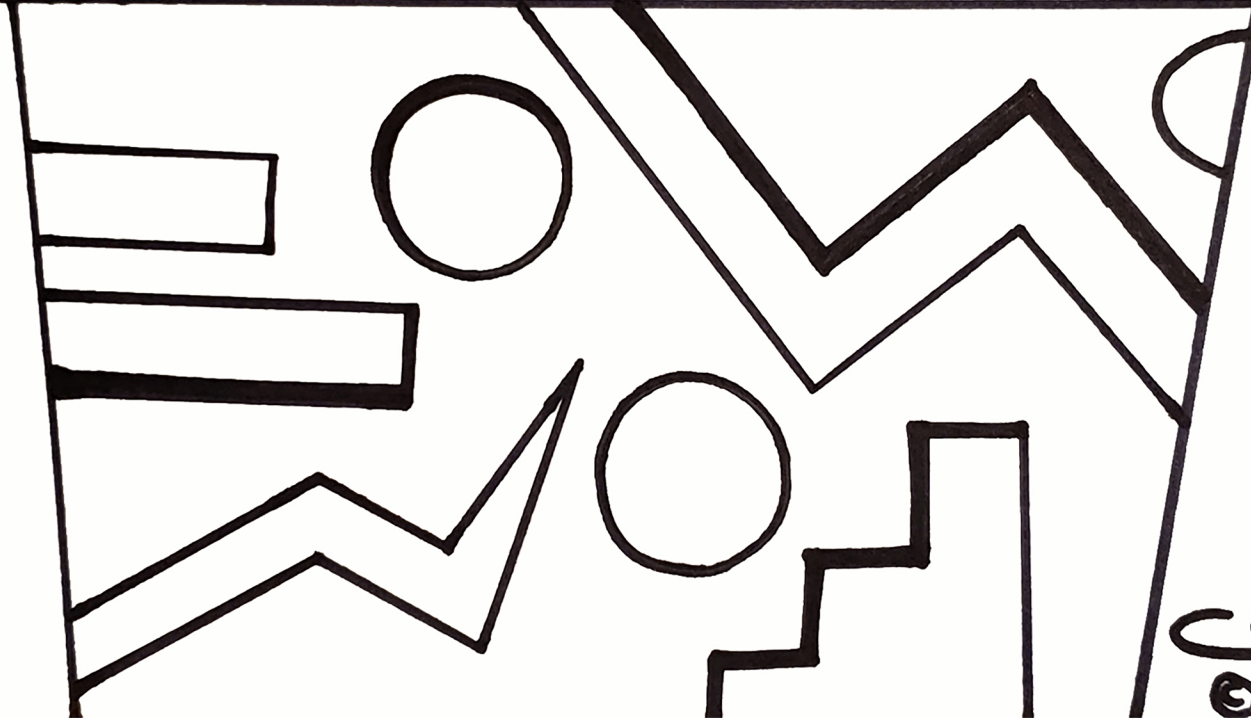
Sincerely,

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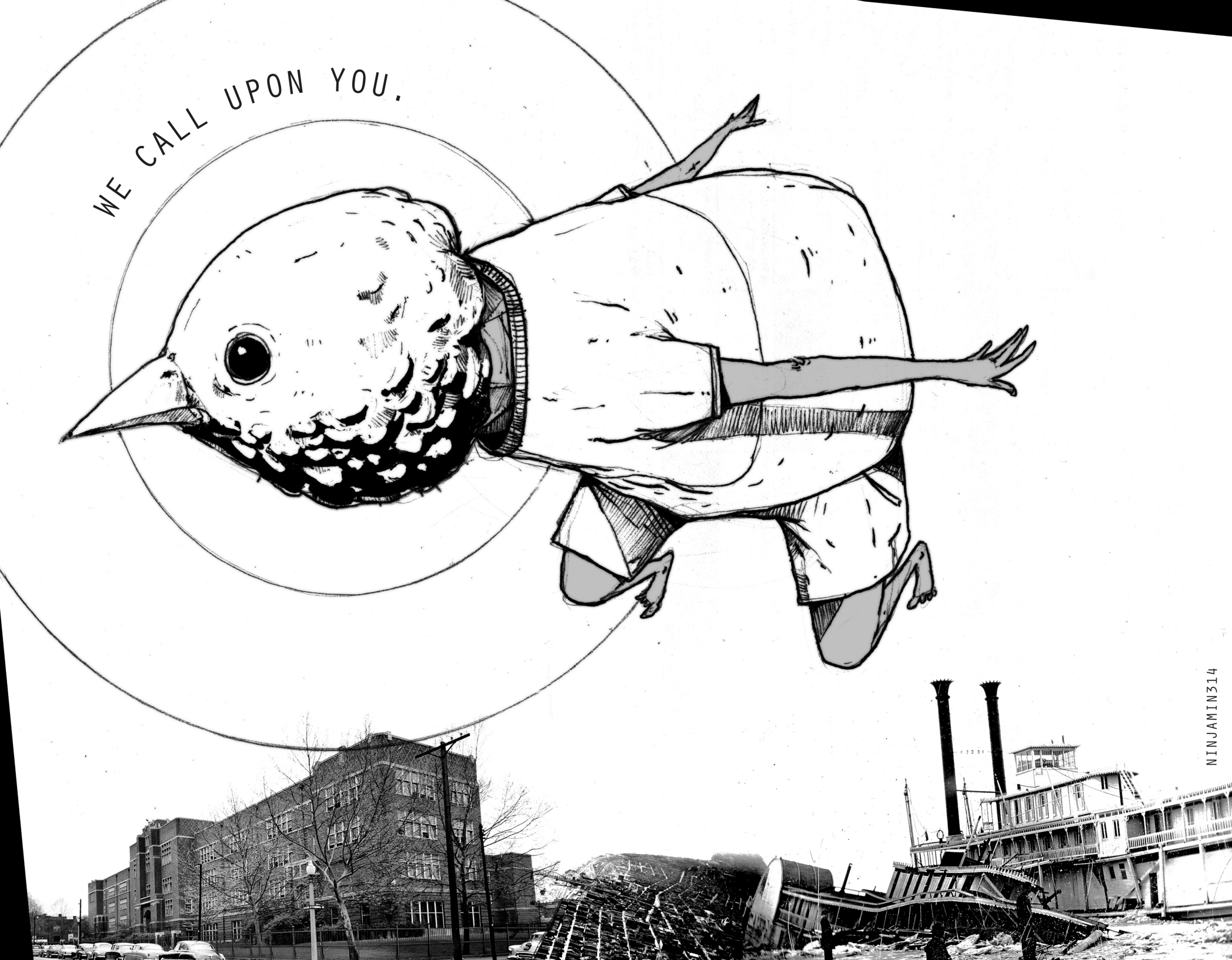




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