



Dear Amplifiers,

Like you, we are horrified and heartbroken by the acts of violence perpetrated against our communities in El Paso, TX, Dayton, OH and Gilroy, CA. We stand with all those affected, and we offer our solidarity and love to all who are shaken to the core. You are not alone.

But sorrow and empathy are not enough. We must speak out against racism and ignorance; staying silent would make us complicit. Our elected leaders must acknowledge that the inflammatory rhetoric that we now hear daily, demonizing immigrants and people of color, serves to normalize racism and divisiveness and spreads fear in our Latinx community.

Latinos have been contributing to this country since its founding. Now, more than ever, it's critical to tell our stories of strength and resilience and amplify the contributions of Latinos to the United States throughout its history and to this day. We cannot allow our community to be dehumanized and constantly gripped by fear. It is time for action.

Amplify Latinx is asking you, as activists, advocates and community leaders, to lift up your voices and take action. Here are some steps you can take today:

1. Support local organizations such as [El Paso Community Foundation](#), [Paso del Norte Foundation](#) and [Dayton Foundation](#) who are on the ground providing help to the victims and their families.
2. Speak up unapologetically to reject racist and xenophobic language and threats against our communities of color.
3. [Contact your members of Congress](#) to demand action to prevent future acts of violence, and urge them to reject hateful policies and rhetoric.
4. Continue telling the stories of the contributions we are making in our organizations, businesses and communities, and amplify our Latinx storytellers on social media.
5. Exercise your voice at the ballot box THIS FALL, and help friends and family do the same by getting them registered to vote. (Last day to register is Sep. 4th| 8pm EST) - Get details about upcoming MA elections [here](#).

## **MA Elections are Sept. 24th and November 5th, 2019**

Together we are stronger and as a collective we are powerful drivers of change. Thank you for taking action and saying loud and clear: [#ThisIsHowIAmplify](#).

En hermandad ~The Amplify Latinx Team