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*PHILADELPHIA – Workers United President Lynne Fox, and Secretary-Treasurer Edgar Romney issued a statement upon the conviction of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd. Our leadership is relieved that justice has finally prevailed for the killing of a Black man in the hands of a police officer.*

### **Let us honor George Floyd through our actions going forward**

Our hearts go out to the communities of Minneapolis and beyond, who have anguished for almost a year since the murder of George Floyd. And now some measure of justice has been served.

We hope today's verdict marks a new day for Minneapolis and for our country.

With the guilty verdict on all three counts against Derek Chauvin, let us begin to focus on how we as individuals can effect the change we want in our communities. Let us bravely speak against the injustices we witness. Let us, through actions, model behaviors for future generations. Let us be advocates for all in need. Let us work to make sure what happened to George Floyd never ever happens to anyone again.

Let us, as a community, begin to heal, by first recognizing the structural racism that has plagued our nation, tormented our brothers and sisters of color, and resulted in countless senseless murders, including that of George Floyd. Only upon recognizing our past wrongs, can we work towards transformational and sustainable change.

The time has come for us to make great strides forward to heal as a nation, to extend our hands, our ears, and our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and towards an America where all individuals are equal.