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We all watched the verdict as intently as we watched the cell phone video of the murder. Then we took a moment to reflect on precisely what this means.

Justice for George Perry Floyd, Jr., as Derek Chauvin was found guilty on all three counts. He was taken away in handcuffs and will face sentencing in June.

As a Black woman, I was struck by the difference between what the white and Black communities said as the pundits interviewed the crowd gathered on the steps to await the verdict. Black people did not think there would be a guilty verdict. The thought was that this would be just one more slap in the face, as the criminal justice system flaunts the fact that Black lives do not matter. White communities presumably thought that justice would be served. Perhaps, for white people, the thought was that given the fact that systemic racism was finally on the front of American's psyche, justice itself would follow suit.

Today is a day of reckoning. Some are celebrating. Some are grieving. And many do not have the words to speak to how they feel.

As the CEO of the Center for Legal Inclusiveness, I feel that this is a step forward. Every organization should make some effort to mark how this moment feels and not step over its enormity.

This step, while positive and important, is just a step. It does not erase the hundreds of missteps behind us. But it is a step forward, and that is the only direction we are going. Forward. As Dr. King said: *"if you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."*

This is a step forward, a small win.



- Sara Scott, CEO of the Center for Legal Inclusiveness