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Dear Oakes Community,

Last night, we learned that the next US President will be a person who has been overtly and openly racist, sexist, anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim, ableist, cis-sexist, xenophobic, and much more while on the campaign trail. We are deeply troubled and stand more firm in our resolve regarding the work that we all hold as essential at Oakes. We will continue to fight for equity and justice. We see you. We hear you. We will continue to support you in all the ways we can, whether that be meeting with you individually, continuing to host legal advising for undocumented students and/or their families, or making sure the core course provides readings and a space for becoming woke. We will continue to show up as who we are, and we want you to continue to show up as who you are.

Let's love each other boldly.

Let's stay strong in the face of ignorance, fear, hatred, and oppression.

Let's be transparent with our despair, and cry openly alongside one another.

Let's stand in solidarity with one another.

Let's remember that people have engaged in hard-won fights so that we may breathe, speak, resist, and live.

Let's work for justice through education and purposeful action, two of the most powerful tools for liberation and transformation.

Last night, many of you gathered in the Guzman Room and some of you joined the thousands of students in the Quarry Plaza, where Oakes student Tizzy Haroun reminded us of Fred Hampton's words, "You can jail a revolutionary, but you can't jail the revolution." Tonight, Wednesday, there will be a Solidarity Tongue open mic at 8 pm in the OLC. Come. Listen. Speak your truth.

With our hearts broken wide open and our fists raised high,

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