

## PRESS RELEASE

**Monrovia**, **June 26**, **2020**: The history of violence in Liberia is one that has caused our country enormous problems. Whether it was the years of civil carnage and until recently, the violent incidents in Logan Town and Gardnersville during two by-elections, the Council of Patriots believes that no form of violence must be tolerated especially in our nascent democracy. While the COP encourages Liberians to speak out and protest against the wanton loot and abuse currently taking place, it believes and as it has shown, must be done in a manner and fashion which is representative of the values of the organization. The June 7<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup> protests are classic examples of how the organization carries itself even in the midst of provocations by state security forces.

The COP wishes to remind Liberians and the general public that it remains committed to the fight for societal reforms within the confines of the law and can assure our many supporters that we will continue to do so until Liberia becomes a better place for us, our children and our children's children. The COP will not compromise the collective interest of the suffering masses of our people.

Meanwhile, the COP will like to make it categorically clear that it has absolutely no connections whatsoever with Orange Liberia and that news circulating in many quarters especially by government are completely unfounded.

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