

The Indian Women's Association is greatly saddened by the continued anti-Black violence against George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Iyanna Dior, and Breonna Taylor, among countless others. We state — in no uncertain terms — that Black Lives Matter. In fact, Black lives don't just matter. They have set a bar for moral leadership and paved the path we walk on. The Indian community owes everything to Black organizers and activists. South Asians were only able to immigrate because of the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act, a law that was passed directly because of the Civil Rights Movement. Just as our community has relied on the activism of Black people in the past, it is now our turn to support Black lives. IWA has previously stated that it is an apolitical organization, and this statement is no different. Supporting the Black Lives Matter movement is not a political stance; it is a stance in support of human rights.

We ask each of the members of the West Lafayette Indian community to reflect on the prevalent anti-Blackness within our culture. As we shed the yokes of colonialism and serve as an example to the world, so must we continue to shed the cultural vestiges of the white supremacy it left behind. It is extremely important to recognize that as minorities, we are not immune to racism. We continue to perpetuate anti-Black ideas through our preferences for lighter complexions, the language we use when speaking about Black people, and the way we treat our children's Black friends and partners. Change starts within our own communities, and each of us has a responsibility to continue to learn, adapt, and speak about the racism we see. We are including links below for our members to continue to educate themselves, as well as organizations to donate to.

Resources:

- [Anti-Blackness in the South Asian community](#)
- [20+ allyship actions](#)
- [Slavery to Mass Incarceration](#)
- [On saying "All Lives Matter"](#)
- [Kimberle Crenshaw's Ted Talk on intersectionality](#)
- [Ted Talk with the founders of the Black Lives Matter movement](#)
- [Supporting Black-owned businesses](#)
- [Supporting Black political candidates](#)

Books and Movies

- 13th (Netflix)
- If Beale Street Could Talk (Hulu)
- I Am Not Your Negro (Amazon)
- When They See Us (Netflix)
- Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson
- The New Jim Crow, Michelle Alexander
- Let's Get Free: A Hip Hop Theory of Justice, Paul Butler
- Stamped, Jason Reynolds and Ibram Kendi
- The Other Wes Moore, Author: Wes Moore
- Sorry to Bother You (Hulu)

Organizations to donate to:

- ACLU
- Equal Justice Initiative
- The Bail Project
- Color of Change

- The Loveland Foundation
- The Okra Project