

Due to the events seen across the country and even in our community over the last week, regarding the injustice that Black Americans have faced in our country, the Executive Board of the Fairlington Citizens Association believes it is important to speak out on these issues as they affect our neighborhood.

The FCA's bylaws state, "the purpose of the association shall be to unite the influence and endeavors of the Fairlington Community by promoting, through purposeful and constructive cooperation, activities to make Arlington and Alexandria, and specifically Fairlington, a better community in which to live." Thus, the FCA's stated goal is to make our community better, and in so doing we not only encourage but demand inclusivity, kindness and peace in our neighborhood. Fairlington is a community of strong values and strong ties to our neighbors. Racism, discrimination, and other forms of hate will not be tolerated by the FCA and any of the communication platforms that we control.

The FCA stands with Black members and all persons of color in our community who choose this neighborhood to call home, who choose this neighborhood to work, and who choose this neighborhood to send their children to school. We recognize that we can all do our part in creating a safe and inclusive space for everyone. We will continue to try to create an unprejudiced and inclusive community for all.

The FCA Board of Directors volunteer for this role because we want to make our neighborhood a better place. It is for this reason we strongly reaffirm that Fairlington welcomes every person irrespective of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, age, or religious belief. The FCA will continue to encourage all residents to volunteer in an effort to strengthen our community.

We ask that you please take this opportunity to get to know your neighbors, to reach out to those who may be hurting, and to continue to be the kind and helpful neighbors that are integral to Fairlington.