

Fauquier County Democratic Committee stands in solidarity with our communities of color. We stand with millions of people across the country who are rightfully outraged by the killing of unarmed black people.

If we are complacent, if we are silent, we are complicit in perpetuating the cycle of institutional racism and violence for those most marginalized in our communities.

None of us can turn away, we must all speak out and hold each other accountable.

The death of George Floyd, Ahmad Arbery and Breonna Taylor are not isolated incidents. They are the result of systematic racism that has existed for generations.

These murders and the disproportionate deaths to COVID-19 in the black community are just the latest evidence that we live in an unequal world.

As Catherine Rampell of the Washington Post says, "There are two Americas. There's the America where people can storm a statehouse with long guns, threaten elected officials, scream into the faces of cops and can still walk away unscathed. And then there is the America where citizens can march peacefully, or stand watching from their own front porches, and get sprayed with rubber bullets and paint projectiles. All while cameras roll."

The cycle continues. More people die. More lives are destroyed. There are protests and promises to do better and the pattern repeats. Here in Fauquier County, some of our friends and neighbors live in fear and dare not venture out on public streets at night. How do we break this cycle? It starts with each of us. We at the Fauquier County Democratic Committee are committed to electing officials who understand this reality, will represent and uphold the rights of all people and will do the difficult work to dismantle the system of race-based oppression.

We stand for justice. We know what it looks like. We stand together!