



Hebron Democratic Town Committee Dignity. Community. Prosperity.

The Hebron Democratic Town Committee denounces all forms of racism, bias and discrimination. We are appalled by the senseless deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd.

Black Lives Matter. Black Lives have always mattered.

While we applaud the arrests of the police officers responsible for the death of George Floyd, there has been no such justice for Breonna, Ahmaud, Tamir Rice, Sandra Bland, and countless other Black Americans.

We believe that the police should be demilitarized and reformed immediately. However, that is just one part of the problem. We must also address our country's socioeconomic system, designed to disenfranchise Black communities from the opportunities afforded to others. Redlining, predatory lending and the War on Drugs are just some examples that have resulted in an American dream out of reach for people of color.

It is long past time to fix the system. Here's how we can start.

Educate ourselves. As Dr. Ibram X. Kendi says, "it is not enough to not be racist. We must be anti-racist." We must learn how to be allies and teach our children and families to do the same.

Speak out. Continue protesting. It is making an impact. (Make sure we all wear our masks and socially distance!) And, learn when to step back and elevate others' voices over our own.

Donate to the Black Lives Matter movement, the NAACP Connecticut chapter, or other organizations that support social justice and fight racism and discrimination.

The Hebron DTC will be hosting a virtual forum on race and equity issues later this summer – one of many to come. We encourage our members to write letters to our elected officials to keep these issues at the forefront after the protests end. We will hold our Hebron officials accountable for equitable ordinances that will help build town diversity.

Last, we ask everyone to vote. Voting is how we will elect compassionate, antiracist leaders committed to ending systemic racism and finally creating equal opportunities for all.

This is just the first step in a long process toward greater equity – locally and in the United States. We are here to be allies and do the work. We ask you to join us.

Most sincerely,
The Hebron Democratic Town Committee