Japanese American Bar Association’s
Statement of Solidarity

The Japanese American Bar Association (JABA) stands in solidarity with our friends, family, colleagues, and other members of the Black community, who are outraged and hurting in the wake of the senseless killing of George Floyd. Mr. Floyd’s death and the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and many others remind us that condemning acts of racism and violence is not enough. We must act affirmatively and speak out to put an end to these injustices. We must all look within ourselves to recognize our own biases and ensure that we are part of the change.

JABA is dedicated to shining a light on injustices and systemic racism, and being a part of the solution. We will work with our larger communities to implement long-lasting solutions, so that we may all live by the principles that we strive for of freedom, equality and justice.

JABA is committed to listening, learning, and taking action to ensure that we help the Black community educate this country and the world of this important message: Black Lives Matter. We will be sending out continued communications on how JABA will be taking concrete action and how our community can truly do something to effect change.