



BLACK LIVES MATTER

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The Sudbury Democratic Town Committee supports The Black Lives Matter Global Network and its continued commitment to liberation for all Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). We acknowledge this country's historical failures and the systemic nature of racial disadvantage, including ongoing racism, oppression, inequality and violence against Black and Brown people. We also acknowledge that the consequences of this country's systemic racism disproportionately affect BIPOC and include but are not limited to employment discrimination, housing discrimination, mass incarceration, immigration discrimination, police brutality, ongoing voter suppression, and racial inequalities in wealth and income. We, the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee, oppose discrimination towards BIPOC and strongly support initiatives taken to end these racial injustices.

In affirming that Black Lives Matter, we recognize that declaring equity, freedom, and justice for BIPOC is a necessary part of our opposition to the ongoing oppression of, and violence against, all those targeted because of their actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, color, economic status, differing abilities, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location.

The Sudbury Democratic Town Committee supports the following initiatives:

- The Sudbury Democratic Town Committee is committed to ensuring that voting is an equitable and accessible experience for BIPOC and low-income members of our community.
- The Sudbury Democratic Town Committee acknowledges the consequences of gentrification and residential racial segregation. We are therefore dedicated to increasing rental as well as other forms of affordable and low-income housing in Sudbury.
- The Sudbury Democratic Town Committee is also committed to police reforms aimed at creating safer communities. These would include, without limitation, the creation of a certification board to license police officers serving in the Commonwealth, the removal of obstacles to bringing civil suits against police officers, and the prohibition of choke holds.
- The Sudbury Democratic Town Committee is actively recruiting BIPOC members to support these initiatives. We believe in transparency and thus value feedback from the Sudbury community. We believe that our commitment to end all forms of racial discrimination is a bipartisan value, and therefore we encourage all members of the community to participate in our efforts to support The Black Lives Matter Global Network.