

To my beloved clients and NAAM family members,

I have thought long and hard about the message I would like to share with you all in response to recent events. It breaks my heart to see our Black communities struggling with so much fear and grief. Although the issues we are discussing today are not-at-all new or recent, because of today's climate, I believe it is vital to vocalize the solidarity and support I, along with the other NAAM staff, feel for our communities.

As we take time to consider the dire situation we find ourselves in (both in regards to the political climate as well as the COVID-19 pandemic), I hope we are able to reclaim that which I personally consider most important – the right of each one of us to live in safety. Physical, emotional, psychological safety is at the core of human need and is what lacks for many of our Black friends and neighbors daily. I pray that we are able, as a community to come together in order to provide and restore the sense of safety that is as basic of a human need as food, water and roof above our heads.

If you or anybody in your circle have a need to talk about current events, have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach to your Case Manager, Teacher or email us at [info@naamass.org](mailto:info@naamass.org). We, at NAAM, are continuing to support our community members who have lost jobs due to Covid-19 by providing food donations and support our families in the best way we can.

On the topic of safety: as we exercise our freedom of speech through peaceful protest, all of us at NAAM encourage everyone to continue to wear face masks and take safety precautions as recommended by the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#).

Please remember, in order for this country to be great, we must all work hard, together, to lift each other up.

Thank you.  
Stay safe.  
Natasha Soolkin  
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Resources:

Ways to Help (for speakers of other languages):

Spanish - <https://lasvidasnegrasimportantan.carrd.co>

Arabic - <https://translation.carrd.co>

French - <https://Blacklivesmatters-french.carrd.co>

Portuguese - <https://asvidasnegrasimportam.carrd.co>

Russian - <https://blmru.carrd.co>

English - <https://Blacklivesmatters.carrd.co>

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