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Annual Membership Request - Fall 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thanks to your continued support, Belmont Against Racism (BAR) has made important strides over the past year — even as we’ve faced a growing national climate of division and discrimination. Your generosity has helped us stand firm in our mission: **Think Globally. Act Locally!**

In 2025, that mission feels more urgent than ever.

Across the country, we’re seeing intensifying polarization, rollbacks of civil liberties, and a troubling rise in antisemitism, anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, attacks on immigrant communities, and racially motivated hate crimes. Here in Belmont, your support helps us respond — not with despair, but with action, inclusion, and solidarity.

What Your Support Made Possible This Year:

- **Community Empowerment:** Together with local partners, we co-sponsored community events celebrating Black History Month, Indigenous Peoples’ Day, Transgender Day of Visibility, Hispanic Heritage Month, and more — building connection and pride across Belmont.
- **Education Equity:** We’ve continued to support METCO students, advocate for inclusive hiring, and work closely with Belmont Public Schools on the Equity Audit. We also welcomed a new Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Well-Being who is already making a positive impact.
- **Civic Advocacy:** BAR remains a strong advocate for implementing the DEI Task Force recommendations and currently serves on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, shaping a more inclusive and sustainable vision for our town.

Now More Than Ever, We Need Your Support

As we prepare for the year ahead, your renewed support will help us:

- Expand our community engagement.
- Deepen partnerships with schools and local leaders.
- Sustain our ongoing advocacy for equity and justice.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are building a Belmont rooted in dignity, safety, and equity for all.

With deep gratitude,
The Board of Directors of Belmont Against Racism

I wish to make a 2025-2026 Contribution to:	
☐ BAR Membership Dues: ☐ \$45 ☐ \$55 ☐ \$80 ☐ \$105 ☐ Other \$ _____	☐ METCO Support Fund \$ _____
You can also contribute online through  at belmontagainstracism.org	

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Thanks to the generous donations from our members and supporters, BAR was able to support the following activities. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and is having a meaningful impact!

Funding Support (2024-2025)

- METCO Fund to support our Belmont Public Schools students from Boston for activities, and teacher training related to diversity, equity, and inclusion across all public schools.
- Belmont Hispanic Heritage Celebration Event
- METCO Students' World Language Trips to Paris and Costa Rica
- BHS Rugby Cultural Exchange Trip to Italy for Black students
- Global Leadership Class Trip to Partners In Health
- Grade 8 METCO Students' School Trip to Washington, DC
- Belmont Pan Asian Coalition's Multicultural Lunar New Year Festival
- Belmont High School Make-A-Statement Day
- Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance Fall Social
- Boston/Belmont Scholarships
- ATASK Asian Winter Holiday Celebration
- New Members Welcoming Event
- Belmont Pride Parade
- Coffee with Community Event
- Black History Month T-Shirt Design Competition
- Black History Month High School Movie Screening
- Joey's Junior Book Club's Black History Month Event
- Black History Month Community Movie Screenings
- Belmont's First Annual Black History Month Community Potluck
- Annual MLK Community Breakfast
- Equal Justice Book Group in Partnership with Belmont Public Library
- First Annual Belmont AAPI Fair
- AAPI Movie Night, Community Dialogue & Potluck
- Joey's Junior Book Club's National Hispanic Heritage Event
- Belmont Town Day
- Indigenous Peoples' Day Event

Additional BAR Activities/Panel Discussions *(Participation through BAR's Officers or Directors)*

- Screening Committee for the Hiring of Belmont Public Schools' Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Well-Being (DEIW)
- Town of Belmont's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Implementation Committee (DEIIC)
- Town of Belmont's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (ComPAC)
- METCO Experience Conversations at Chenery Upper Elementary School
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Event for Black & Latino Men