



AHRC Response to Tragic Human Rights Events

We want to expand upon the ways in which we address human rights tragedies that occur around the world and in the United States.

- We believe actions speak louder than words, so we want to have more visible actions.
- These are often fast-breaking events, so we want to be able to respond quickly.
- We will delegate to the co-chairs to decide if immediate action is needed and if so, to choose from the options below which we will undertake and select Commissioners to lead the action.
- We want to share with the community through a notice on the website and inclusion in the next newsletter our general thinking on how we plan to respond to tragic events.

Actions We Will Consider Taking

When the co-chairs decide immediate action is needed, they can choose one or more of the following options to undertake. All have the goal of bringing people together and supporting impacted community.

- Personal outreach to organizations/institutions/houses of worship impacted (either a direct Arlington representation or larger state organization, etc.) to:
 - Show support
 - Learn how they would like the community to react
 - Get their input into our response
- Reach out to the Rapid Response group to get their views/reactions
- Organize a coffee chat on the given issue
 - Pluses: quick to organize, more informal, less work to put together
- Organize a vigil
 - Use a preset format with prepacked supplies (candles/blank signs/markers) (exact format TBD)
- Issue a statement if this is an event that occurs in Arlington or this is an advocacy issue.