



The Current

Issue III

“Preservation of one’s own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.” —Cesar Chavez

Welcome to this month’s resource list of how you can make a positive change in your community through education, engagement, activation, and allyship. This week, we end March celebrating Cesar Chavez day and International Transgender Day of Visibility. We reflect on the roots and legacy of a courageous civil justice leader. Chavez’s words “There’s no turning back...We will win.” align with how we can empathetically persevere beyond this pandemic, beyond racism, and hate.

Through our continued support, we also continue to stand in solidarity with the Asian American community. March 26th was a day of action, but our action continues to press forward each and every day. IIDA also acknowledges World Autism Awareness Day through shared stories. This April, let’s create space by sharing stories from the disability community on social media. Post or reshare stories including the hashtag #IIDAgivingspace

“There is so much that able-bodied people could learn from the wisdom that often comes with dis- ability. But space needs to be made. Hands need to be reached out. People need to be lifted up”. —A. H. Reaume in the book by Alice Wong, [Disability Visibility: 17 First-Person Stories for Today](#)

Currently Following

Michelle Kim

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advocate. CEO at Awaken. Writer of the article “On Anti-Asian Hate Crimes: Who Is Our Real Enemy?” Follow [@michellekimkim](#) on instagram or check out the article on [medium](#).

Currently Reading

Why do we celebrate Cesar Chavez day?

“Preservation of one’s own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.” — Cesar Chavez. Read Cesar Chavez’s bio at [cesarchavezholiday.org](#). Read a Proclamation on Cesar Chavez Day from the [whitehouse.org](#).

Presidential Actions for Transgender Rights

Executive Order on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation. Read the executive order at [whitehouse.org](#)

Disability Visibility

San Francisco Writer, Alice Wong shares essays by individuals with disabilities in the book “Disability Visibility.” Get the book at [disabilityvisibilityproject.com](#)

The Long History of Violence

The long history of violence against Asian Americans that led up to Atlanta. Read the article on the [Washington Post](#).

Justice for George Floyd

Understanding why qualified immunity needs to end. Learn more at [ACLU.org](#)

Currently Taking Action

Standing in Solidarity

What have you done thus far to take action and commit to solidarity with the Asian American community? Standing in solidarity must go beyond one day. We continue to provide action items on how to support and get involved. Dive into action items in the [Day of Action Toolkit](#).

Creative Growth’s first poetry publication

“The result of Creative Growth’s first poetry program, *The Poem is Telling Me I Remember* is a chapbook that features poems collectively composed by Creative Growth artists during 2019–20. The poetry program consists of unique collaborative writing workshops facilitated by poet-in-residence Lorraine Lupo and guest poet Kostas Anagnopoulos. Poems featured in the book are beautifully illustrated with art from the Creative Growth Studio. Proceeds from sales of the book benefit the program. Preview the book along with audio of select poems read by Creative Growth artists at [creativegrowth.org](#).” [Order here](#).

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