

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

CONDEMNING hate crimes and discriminatory rhetoric directed against Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities at all times, but especially in light of the skyrocketing number of incidents since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, hate crimes against our Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities have skyrocketed since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, driven by the reprehensible rhetoric of some political leaders blaming the virus on those of Asian and Pacific Island descent; and

WHEREAS, according to one report, there have been 3,800 such crimes reported since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, such rhetoric and actions have no place in a civilized, open society which prizes tolerance and acceptance of all, regardless of race or creed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby raise their voices in condemnation of both the violence and vile language routinely directed at our Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities, regardless of its source, and that we stand in solidarity and support of our fellow citizens whenever they are faced with irrationality and hate.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Goodin