

Item 2116

Resolution Condemning Anti-Asian Hate and Extremist Harassment

Committee Recommendation: Adopt | **Category:** Civil Rights

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) are an integral part of the cultural, economic, and civic fabric of Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans have long contributed to the strength of Texas through public service, education, entrepreneurship, and leadership in communities across our state; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Asian Americans across the country have faced a dramatic rise in harassment, discrimination, and violence fueled by racist rhetoric, conspiracy theories, and xenophobic political messaging; and

WHEREAS, the political movement surrounding Donald Trump has repeatedly used inflammatory language targeting immigrants, Asian Americans, and other communities of color, legitimizing prejudice and encouraging extremist behavior; and

WHEREAS, since Donald Trump returned to the presidency, extremist voices and MAGA-aligned online networks have escalated campaigns of harassment, racist trolling, and intimidation aimed at Asian Americans, immigrants, and public officials who stand up for inclusive democracy; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans who participate in civic life, especially women, candidates for office, and community leaders are frequently targeted with racist slurs, threats, and coordinated online harassment designed to silence their voices and discourage participation in democracy; and

WHEREAS, Asian American leaders and candidates in Texas have experienced racist harassment and online intimidation campaigns, reflecting a broader pattern of attacks intended to marginalize Asian Americans in public life; and

WHEREAS, these attacks do not occur in isolation but are part of a broader rise in political extremism that has unleashed hate against immigrants, Muslims, Black communities, LGBTQ+ people, Jewish communities, and others across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Democratic Party believes that democracy depends on the ability of all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, or background, to participate fully in civic life without fear of harassment or violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Texas Democratic Party unequivocally condemns anti-Asian racism, hate crimes, harassment, and intimidation in all forms, including the coordinated online harassment campaigns fueled by extremist political movements; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Texas Democratic Party stands in solidarity with Asian American communities and leaders who continue to face discrimination, harassment, and threats while serving their communities and participating in democratic life; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Texas Democratic Party calls on leaders at every level of government to reject racist rhetoric, conspiracy theories, and scapegoating that fuel hatred and division; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Texas Democratic Party commits to confronting political extremism and defending the rights of all communities targeted by hate, intimidation, and discrimination; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Texas Democratic Party affirms that Asian Americans belong in every part of our democracy, from community leadership to public office, and will not be silenced by racism or political intimidation.