



Advancing Equity and Inclusion in Our Community

Belmont Human Rights Commission Denounces Violence against Members of the Asian Community and Urges Community Support

In light of recent physical assaults on the Asian elderly across the country and the murders of Asian women in the Atlanta area, the Belmont Human Rights Commission (BHRC) denounces these and all forms of domestic terrorism. We want to express support and appreciation of all of our community members of Asian descent. Since the start of the COVID19 pandemic, hate crimes against persons of Asian descent have drastically increased, causing much fear and pain. While there has been media coverage of assaults in New York and California and the killings in Georgia, two assaults have been reported as close to home as Quincy, Massachusetts just last month. BHRC calls for unity in this challenging time. We must not let frustration as a result of the pandemic become anger and hate toward our neighbors.

Our nation must work to heal divisions across racial and ethnic lines. We believe that open, honest, and heartfelt communication among all members of our community is the best way to begin this healing.

If you are interested in addressing anti-Asian hate, call your legislators and ask what they are doing for the Asian community, support local Asian American owned small businesses, and read more on this issue at stopaaphate.org.

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This is not a partisan issue. Every voter should have easy access to casting a vote. Efforts to obstruct this right should be repudiated and challenged in court. Every voter should care about this issue and fight to shore up our democracy in every way possible. Every voter should have equal access to the polls, and any effort to disenfranchise any voter should alarm us all and impel us to act. The bedrock of our democracy is our right to cast a vote. We must protect it in any way we can and look for ways to facilitate voting rather than obstruct it. To learn more, go to the non-partisan Reclaim our Vote: <https://reclaim-our-vote.webflow.io/>

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