



Resolution #22-02-01

DENOUNCING ANTI-BLACK RACISM AND STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the most recent Orange County Human Relations Commission Hate Crimes Report revealed hate crimes increased by 35% in Orange County in 2020, the largest annual jump in at least a decade and hate incidents increased by 69%; and

WHEREAS, Black people constitute less than 2% of Orange County's nearly 3.2 million residents, yet Blacks were the most targeted racial group for hate crimes in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Blacks are continually being victimized and marginalized, as evidenced by the recent racist inferences and statements made by the current Orange County District Attorney, a hate incident involving a high school basketball player and a cheerleader from Portola High School and football player at Esperanza High School;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County denounces anti-Black racism - as well as all other types of hatred, bias and/or xenophobia - and affirms its commitment to the full equality, inclusion and acceptance of Black people, as well as all other victimized protected classes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Party stands with the members of the Black community and calls upon individual elected and appointed officials, municipalities, boards and commissions throughout Orange County to immediately speak out with a public and unified voice against all forms of racism, and have training and education on justice, diversity, equity and inclusion.

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