

Council Member O'Brien introduced the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21.22.21R (MC)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALBANY'S COMMON COUNCIL
CONDEMNING THE HATE-FILLED AND RACIST ATTACKS ON THE COUNCIL OF
ALBANY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS – CANA**

WHEREAS, the Council of Albany Neighborhood Associations (hereinafter “CANA”) is a nonpartisan federation of neighborhood associations and community organizations, and is involved in all matters which involves the quality of life of its constituents; and

WHEREAS, the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region (hereinafter “AACCCR”) is a nonprofit organization committed to educating, enriching, and empowering residents of the Capital Region through a variety of educational, cultural, and performing arts, programs, activities, and exhibits that promote awareness and raise the collective consciousness of all ethnicities to the rich and vibrant history, contribution, and culture of African Americans.; and

WHEREAS, the Rapp Road Historical Association (hereinafter “RRHA”) is a nonprofit organization that represents the Rapp Road Historic District, which is a cluster of 23 homes built by African Americans who migrated predominantly from Shubuta Mississippi as part of the Great Migration; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, CANA convened virtually to recognize and celebrate the importance of African American History Month; and

WHEREAS, the AACCCR and RRHA were invited to CANA’s monthly meeting as featured presenters; and

WHEREAS, the presentations for African American History Month were interrupted by several unwarranted individuals, who proceeded to disrupt the meeting with hate speech, racial epithets, and other content that was extremely offensive to the meeting attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Common Council condemns the heinous actions of these unwarranted individuals in the strongest terms; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Common Council reaffirms that racism and hate speech has no place in the City of Albany; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany hereby stands in strong support and solidarity with CANA, AACCCR, RRHA, and all other individuals that were directly affected by this unfortunate and devastating incident.

To: Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk
From: John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq., Research Counsel
Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum
Date: February 10, 2021

SPONSOR Council Member O'Brien

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

Condemning the hate-filled racist attacks at the CANA.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

None.