



Coalition of Bar Associations of Color

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HATE – AND BIAS – MOTIVATED ACTS

Endorsed March 2016

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1992, is a coalition created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations; and

WHEREAS, the member organizations of the CBAC are the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA); and

WHEREAS, the member organizations of CBAC are the national voices of their respective legal communities in the United States and its territories and possessions; and

WHEREAS, a hate crime is a criminal act against a person or property motivated by a bias against a race, religion, disability, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, members of the Asian Pacific American, African American, Hispanic, and Native American communities have been the targets of hate crimes, and hate speech; and

WHEREAS, racial and religious minorities are disproportionately targeted for hate-motivated acts, which instill fear in both individual victims and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, children are increasingly targets of hateful and biased acts based upon how they look or the groups to which they belong, with more than one-quarter of students between the ages of 12 and 18 reporting being bullied at school during the 2010-11 school year¹; and

WHEREAS, hateful or biased speech, particularly when propagated by public figures—including candidates for political offices—provokes or intensifies public hostility and violence toward members of minority groups; and

¹ “Strengthening the AAPI Community Through New Bullying Prevention Efforts” by Kiran Ahuja. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/11/18/strengthening-aapi-community-through-new-bullying-prevention-efforts>.

WHEREAS while freedom of expression is an important right, hate-motivated violence or hateful or biased speech toward any individual or community based on race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation is in contravention of American values and principles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CBAC strongly condemns hate crimes and hate- or bias-motivated speech targeting communities based on race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation; and

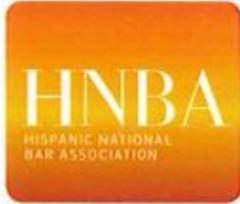
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CBAC Supports efforts to combat hate violence, bullying, and hate- and bias-motivated speech and to promote tolerance in America, including through education, better data-collection, information-sharing, and monitoring of hate crimes by local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the legislative priority of the CBAC until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

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CERTIFICATION

WE, the duly-elected Presidents of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA), hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors.



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March 1, 2016

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