

CUYAHOGA COUNTY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EQUITY

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity (the "CACE") was created by the Council of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio (the "Council") by Ordinance O2021-0014, enacted August 14, 2012 and effective September 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the CACE include "encouraging community outreach and public participation in the development of equity goals, strategies, and programs;" and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R2020-0122, enacted and effective July 7, 2020, the Council declared racism a public health crisis in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bills 322 and 327 seek to suppress education and discussion of systemic racism in schools in Cuyahoga County and throughout the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly should not be attempting to regulate such speech in our schools; and

WHEREAS, suppressing or prohibiting discussion of systemic racism in our schools can only result in the continued ignorance of the reality of the experience of non-whites; and

WHEREAS, in light of its duty to champion public participation in the development of equity goals, the CACE desires to draw the public's attention to the blatant attempt by members of the Ohio General Assembly to encourage the continuation of racist ideologies and to deter the public's support for such actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity that:

Section 1: All members of the Ohio General Assembly should immediately withdraw all support for House Bills 322 and 327.

Section 2: All schools throughout Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio should teach the facts of history rather than a distorted, limited version of history that diminishes and devalues the lived experience of the non-white residents of the County, the State, and the United States.

Section 3: The County liaison to the CACE is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to: Mike DeWine, Governor, State of Ohio; Robert R. Cupp, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives; State Representative Scott Wiggman, District 1, Chair, State and Local Government Committee; State Representative Diane V. Grendell, District 76; State Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur, District 99; State Representative Don Jones, District 95; State Representative Terrence Upchurch, District 10; State Representative Stephanie D. Howse, District 11; State Representative Michael Skindell, District 13; State Representative Bride Rose Sweeney, District 14; State Representative Jeffrey A. Crossman, District 15; Laura Kohler, President, State Board of Education of Ohio; Dr. Stephanie K. Sidden, Interim Superintendent of

Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education; Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association; Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio; Cuyahoga County Council.

Passed: October 25, 2021


Eddie Taylor, Chair

Members (Present)

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Stephen Caviness
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