

May 1, 2020

To: Mayor, Governor, Congressman and Legislative Representatives, Consulate-General of People's Republic of China.

From: Africa House - Sacramento

**Subject: Discrimination and Inhumane Acts towards Africans in China**

Given that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms in whole and in parts that all human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights, and are entitled to equal protection of the law against any discrimination and against any incitement to discrimination, regardless of race, color or national origin;

Considering that our global community is better served, and our fundamental human rights protected, when governments act with deliberate vigor to prioritize the safety and human dignity of all foreigners and minority groups within its borders;

Whereas, in response to the second wave of the COVID -19 pandemic in Guangzhou, Black Africans and people of African descent in China have become the subjects of vicious xenophobic disaffections as they are harassed and badgered on the streets of China, forcefully evicted from their homes and forced to live on the streets, denied entrance and service in the bars, restaurants and other public places, subjected to mandatory Coronavirus testing and self-quarantine, and denied employment and opportunities to earn a living;

Noting that African Americans were also affected as Chinese refused to engage, contract or conduct any business transactions with African Americans;

Given that the Africa House- Sacramento by the command of its vision, mission and objectives as delineated in its by-laws seeks cross-cultural exchanges and community empowerment, condemns any mistreatment of Blacks in China, including negative or pejorative media depictions, by the Chinese people and/or the Chinese government as repugnant, inhumane and unacceptable;

Guarded by its core tenets and the eternal truth that binds all humanity, the Africa House-Sacramento condemns with the strongest language and sentiment the mistreatment of Blacks in China and anywhere, for that matter, and with equal vim condemn the mistreatment of any person based on their national origin, skin color, or gender;

For our shared hope in posterity which celebrates our diversity and leverages its boundless proceeds, the Africa House- Sacramento extends an olive branch to the Chinese community in California and beyond, and an open invitation to sit at a table with us to explore mutually beneficial innovative ways to advance shared interests and promote peace, harmony and respect within and across our communities.

Inspired by its potential positive effects, we call on our Mayor, Governor, Congressional leaders and Legislative representatives to proffer courage rooted in kindness, compassion, and love for all human beings by supporting our statement of concern about the mistreatment of Africans and Black people in China.

Together, we all make the world a better place! We are all on this together!