Statement on Asian Hate Crimes

The Red Wing Sister Cities Commission (SCC) is devoted to "fostering the development of sister city relationships of a long-term nature between this City and cities of other countries". The commission is proud of its long-standing relationships with Ikata, Japan, and Quzhou, China, and is committed to having them experience our city and country as a safe and welcoming environment. The SCC will continue to educate, support, and empower cross-cultural citizen diplomacy.

In its ongoing mission to advance peace, mutual respect, and understanding, the commission condemns increasing acts of bigotry, intolerance, and violence not only against persons of Asian descent, but against any person, regardless of their cultural heritage.

"This world of ours... must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect." -President Eisenhower (Founder of Sister Cities International)

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