

Stop Hate

CIP's board of directors and staff are saddened and angered by the shootings in Atlanta and the dis-



Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield
U.S. Representative to the United Nations
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Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for convening us to commemorate this important day. And I thank the Secretary-General, Madam High Commissioner, and Dr. Iweala, for your leadership in pressing us all to do more toward the elimination of racial discrimination, wherever and by whomever.

This meeting – this commemoration – is personal to me. I am a person of African descent. But more importantly, I am a descendant of slaves. My great grandmother Mary Thomas, born in 1865, was the child of a slave. This is just three generations back from me.

I grew up in the segregated South. I was bused to a segregated school, and on weekends, the Ku Klux Klan burned crosses on lawns in our neighborhood. When I was in high school, I was asked by a little girl, for whom I babysat, if I was an N-word because her dad had used that word for me.

I know the ugly face of racism. I lived racism. I have experienced racism. And I survived racism.

turbing rise in anti-Asian violence that has been reported over the last year. The #BLM and #StopAsianHate movements are a painful and urgent reminder of the role that racism has played in our country's history for far too long. CIP stands against hate. Period.

CIP's mission of building bridges of understanding and tolerance remains as important as ever and we will continue to strive toward this goal, one person at a time. We continue to explore ways to become part of the solution. Cross-cultural understanding is critical; we will continue to build relationships at home and around the world.

Recent remarks from U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield resonated with all of us at CIP and we encourage you to read what she had to say at the link below.

And through this process, I learned a simple truth: Racism is not the problem of the person who experiences it. Those of us who experience racism cannot, and should not, internalize it, despite the im-

pact that it can have on our everyday lives.

We must face it down, every time, no matter whom it's directed towards.

Racism is the problem of the racist. And it is the problem of the society that produces the racist. And in today's world, that is every society. And in so many of our communities and countries, racism is endemic. It's built in, like a rot in a frame. And it remains, and it festers, and it spreads because many of those in charge allow it to. Others look away and pretend it's not there. But like a cancer, if ignored, it grows.

Today, we commemorate our joint commitment to end all racial discrimination. And we take stock of our efforts during the midterm review of the Decade of People of African Descent. In America, conducting that review requires a reckoning – a reckoning with our dark history of chattel slavery.

Four-hundred-and-two years ago, African slaves were forced onto the shores of the colony of Virginia. Two years ago, the 1619 Project brought attention to this anniversary, and put the consequences of slavery, and the contributions of Black Americans, back at the center of our history and of our national narrative. As the project detailed, slavery is the original sin of America. It's weaved white supremacy and black inferiority into

our founding documents and principles.

The Legacy Museum in Alabama traces this history, and if you've not been there, I encourage you all to take a trip. Its exhibits draw a direct line from slavery to lynchings to segregation to mass incarceration and testify to this terrible history and the impact it is having on our people today.

But even though slavery is our original sin, America is not the original source of slavery. Others share this shame with us. Slavery has existed in every corner of the globe. Africans enslaved fellow Africans long before the American colonists existed. And sadly, in many places around the world, slavery still exists today.

As the scholar Isabel Wilkerson argues, humans in all contexts have ranked human value, pitting the presumed supremacy of one group against the presumed inferiority of others. In America, that takes many forms. Chief among them: our legacy of white supremacy.

This year, the senseless killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many other Black Americans sparked a reckoning with racial justice, a movement that spread across the world: Black Lives Matter.

And because Black Lives Matter, we need to dismantle white supremacy at every turn. This means looking at other kinds of hate, too. (下轉 P17)

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BBB Fraud Watch: Watch Out For Foreign Lottery Scams

By: Better Business Bureau Serving Greater Cleveland



Scammers will not always try to scare you into sending them money. Sometimes, scammers will try to make you think you have won something to get your personal information or funds. This type of scam is called a foreign lottery or sweepstakes scam.

In this scam, victims are contacted by e-mail, phone, or letter. Scammers tell the victim they won money in a foreign lottery or contest that the victim never entered to win. The victim is told they have to pay for taxes, shipping, or other costs to receive their winnings. If the scammer sends a letter or email, the message has authentic-looking government seals or company logos that are actually fake.

In some cases, the victim is sent a check to cover the costs needed to receive their winnings. They are told to deposit the check into

their bank and wire money or send gift cards in that amount to a third party. Once the victim sends the money, the check bounces and the victim is forced to pay the costs from their own account and never receives the winnings.

Foreign lottery and sweepstakes scams are common in the Cleveland area. One local victim lost almost \$2,000 USD to this scam. The victim received a letter saying they had won a foreign lottery and they would receive a check in the mail for \$1,800 USD. They were told to wire the \$1,800 to a third party to receive their winnings. The bank determined that the check was fake weeks after the victim had sent the money, and the check bounced. The victim was forced to "use all of my savings to fix the fake check."

BBB Cleveland has tips on what to watch out for to keep you and your money safe from

scammers: No legitimate company will ask you to pay to receive your winnings or improve your chances of winning. Do not pay for taxes, shipping, and handling, or processing fees to receive winnings. You also cannot win a contest you have never entered. If you regularly enter contests, keep track of what contests you have entered so you know if a letter or call saying you have won is real. Also, remember that checks can bounce weeks after you have deposited them or withdrawn the funds. Just because the check says it is cleared does not mean that the check is real. Once the check is labeled as fake, you will be responsible for covering the bounced money. If you receive a call from a foreign lottery scammer, remember these tips and report the call or other scams at bbb.org/scamtracker.

Next Cleveland Consent Decree Community Conversation: 6:00 pm, April 14

By Rich Weiss, Neighborhood & Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland

Have you ever wondered: "How is the dedication to community engagement reflected in the Cleveland Police Department's current budget?"

Do you have a handle on: "What is the CPRB (Civilian Police Review Board) and what is its function?"

In the moment—when you or a loved one comes face-to-face with Cleveland Police Department policies—will you know: "Are body cameras used by all officers, and what is the protocol for turning body cameras on and off?"

These were just a few of the questions from community members just like you during the March 10, 6:00pm, public meeting sponsored by the local chapters of the United Way and NAACP on the Cleveland Consent Decree. The Wednesday evening input meeting theme was on Cleveland Police Department accountability, transparency, and oversight, but it was not your last chance to have an impact on the Consent Decree and how it is implemented. This was only the third in

a monthly 10-part meeting series to which you are not only invited—the convening organizations believe your input, your concerns, and your questions are vital to the success of the discussion series.

The next meeting is at 6:00 pm on April 14, and the theme will be Citizen Complaints and the Office of Professional Standards.

To answer the call for your input, your concerns, and your questions, register for any of the eight remaining Consent Decree public meetings by visiting unitedwaycleveland.org.

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