

Resolution Against Politically Motivated Vandalism and Hate Speech

Whereas, members of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc., believe in equality, in racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance, in the importance of free speech, and in the importance of civil discourse and dialogue, and

Whereas the Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc., has taken note of a troubling increase in politically motivated vandalism and hate speech since the November 8, 2016, General Election, and

Whereas many Montgomery County neighborhoods, churches, community leaders, and elected officials have condemned the post-Election vandalism, intimidation, hate speech, and bullying that has recently taken place in Montgomery County and across the United States,

Therefore, be it resolved that The Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc., joins with all persons of good will in Montgomery County in speaking out against intimidation, vandalism, and hate speech in all its forms, and be it further resolved;

The Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc., encourages its members to support the activities of those community-based and faith-based organizations that are working to facilitate dialogue among community members concerned about the rise of politically related vandalism and hate speech, and be it further resolved;

The Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc., calls upon the Montgomery County community to remain vigilant and to promptly bring all suspicious and destructive activities to the attention of County law enforcement officials.

This resolution was approved unanimously at the Nov. 14, 2016, meeting.