MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media
FROM: Jack Moffitt, Clerk of the Legislature
DATE: September 14, 2020
RE: Read and Print – No. 20-0303

The attached Read and Print is being distributed for your information.

20-0303 - Establishment of Black and Asian Democratic Caucus - County Legislator Calvin Lee, Jr., County Legislator Sabrina Lamar, County Legislator Frank Keophileasy, County Legislator Ernest Flagler-Mitchell

Attachment
September 9, 2020

Dr. Joe Carbone, President
Monroe County Legislature
410 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Establishment of Black and Asian Democratic Caucus

President Carbone:

In accordance with Article VII, Section 545-36 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature, we the undersigned do hereby state our intent to form and join an independent and established "Black and Asian Democratic Caucus." In forming and joining the Black and Asian Democratic Caucus, we hereby resign our membership in the Democratic Minority Caucus representing the legally constituted Democrat Party within the Monroe County Legislature.

We are seeking to strengthen our local party by putting forth a bold progressive agenda for our most vulnerable citizens. Just last month ACT Rochester released the 2020 Hard Facts Report that showed that our region is no better, and in fact sometimes worse, than other cities that are held up as poster children for racial disparities, according to the Democrat and Chronicle.

Our decision to form an independent caucus allows us to focus primarily on the issues facing communities of color. To accomplish our goal, we must have the necessary resources and support to serve our constituents. Please take all steps necessary to effectuate this change in accordance with the Rules of the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Calvin Lee, Jr
County Legislator
District 25 - Rochester

Sabrina LaMar
County Legislator
District 27 - Rochester

Frank Keophethasy
County Legislator
District 28 - Rochester

Ernest Flagler-Mitchell
County Legislator
District 29 - Rochester

ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

APPROVED: [Signature]

REJECTED: [Signature]

DATE: 9-14-2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9-14-2020