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## **Remarks from KFCA to Mayor and Council**

King Farm Citizens Assembly wishes to express our horror and anger at the latest anti-Asian bigotry that seems to be escalating throughout our country. As you know, Rockville is one of the most diverse cities in America and King Farm is proud of our neighborhood's rich diversity. In our way of looking at it - a threat to the Asian communities is a threat to us all.

During the March 17<sup>th</sup> KFCA Board of Trustees meeting, members expressed a desire to not only stand against this bigotry and hatred but to do more to bring people together in a sense of community.

We wanted to reach out to the City to express our desire to work with you in ensuring that this anti-Asian bigotry is not only not welcome in our city but that we also use this as an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our communities, neighborhoods and ultimately our city.

We look forward to continuing this conversation and learning about concrete ways that we can begin to push back in our neighborhood against these bigoted ideas that threaten the very fabric of inclusion and diversity that makes Rockville such a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Barry Jackson  
*President, King Farm Citizens Assembly*