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Resolution Number	Date	Action	Result
2022-01	September 12, 2022	Resolution presented at Teaneck Democratic Municipal Committee general meeting	Unanimously passed and approved

**Teaneck Democratic Municipal Committee Strongly Condemns Hindu Nationalist Hate Groups Operating in New Jersey and Across the United States**

**September 2022**

**Whereas** all people in democracy and the diverse Teaneck community should expect to live without fear regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, religious belief, national origin, immigrant status and sexual orientation; and

**Whereas**, Hindu nationalist groups in the United States operate as tax-exempt organizations (Hindu American Foundation, Sewa International, Infinity Foundation, Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation, Vishva Hindu Parishad of America (VHPA) and many more) that have direct and indirect ties to Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), an Indian right wing Hindu nationalist paramilitary organization whose ideology are part of Nazism and European fascism; and

**Whereas**, A bulldozer which has been weaponized against minorities was part of the New Jersey India Independence Day parade with giant pictures of Yogi Adityanath as 'Daddy Bulldozer', responsible for demolishing homes of peaceful protestors and controversial BJP spokesman Sambit Patra, served as Grand Marshall: and

**Whereas**, Amnesty International demanded that India stop the unlawful demolition of largely Muslim owned homes; World Watch list ranked India number 10 up from 15 in 2017 as the most dangerous places in the world for Christians who are also attacked daily and whose churches are vandalized and bulldozed: and

**Whereas**, Extremist who routinely spew venomous hate towards minorities are invited to speak at large events and temples in the US. Recently, VHP of America, invited Yati Narsinghanand, who calls for genocide and sees Abrahamic faiths as a threat to Hindu nationalism to be its keynote speaker. Hindu extremist groups (HSS and VHP) invited Sadhvi Rithambara, known to denounce Christian missionaries and led violence against Muslims, to speak at a temple; and

**Whereas**, Hindu nationalist organizations have infiltrated all levels of politics and were highly effective in blocking U.S. House Resolution 417 which was a congressional attempt to warn against the Hindu nationalist movement. Now, most local American elected officials remain unaware and unprepared to deal with the Hindu extremists; and

**Whereas**, One million emails, death threats and rape threats were sent by Hindu extremists to US Academic scholars, like Rutgers professor Audrey Truschke, and their families when 50 universities supported an online conference titled 'Dismantling Hindutva'; Drew University received 30,000 emails in few minutes causing server to crash; and

**Whereas**, U.S. Code Title 22 Chapter 38, Section 2656f(d) defines terrorism as, “premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents, usually intended to influence an audience.”; and

**Whereas**, Condemning hate incidents is insufficient as hate groups are increasingly more organized, cause fear and harm to people, and need to be identified and monitored now for safety and security; therefore be it

**Resolved**, That the Teaneck Democratic Municipal Committee (TDMC) calls upon our representatives, Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, and Governor Murphy to request the FBI and CIA to step up its research on foreign hate groups that have domestic branches with tax-exempt status, to further review the thousands of emails that were sent to academic institutions and scholars regarding the DismantlingHindutva.com conference.

**Resolved**, That the (TDMC) calls upon our representatives, Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, Congressman Josh Gottheimer to revise the Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015 to address foreign violent extremists with speaking engagements in the US.

**Resolved**, That the TDMC calls upon our representatives, Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, Congressman Josh Gottheimer to pass US House Resolution 1196 – Condemning human rights violations and violations of international religious freedom in India.

**Resolved**, That the TDMC calls upon Bergen County Board of Commissioners, NJ District 37 Senator Gordon Johnson, Assemblywomen Shama Haider and Ellen Park, Teaneck Council members, all other elected official and those running for political office to access resources and improve understanding of Hinduism vs Hindu extremism (Dismantlinghindutva.com) and unequivocally disavow support and reject campaign funds from Hindu extremist hate groups.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Teaneck Democratic Municipal Committee at a regular meeting of said committee conducted on September 12, 2022.

 9/12/2022  
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**Alexandra Soriano-Taveras, Chairperson**