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Via email: office@cpac-canada.ca

Dear Ti Wang,

Enclosed, please find the Liberal Party of Canada's formal response to your questionnaire.

On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

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What specific measures will you take, at the legislative, policy and operational levels, to combat racism, crack down on hate crime and hate incidents, and materially increase equity, diversity and inclusion in the hierarchies of the workplace?

A re-elected Liberal government will continue working to address anti-Asian racism in all forms and ensure Canada is a safe and welcome place for all Canadians.

Liberal Party of Canada Leader, Justin Trudeau, has spoken out against the rising Anti-Asian racism in multiple settings, most notably in the House of Commons, during a televised speech he gave in February 2020 for the Lunar New Year celebration, and during a panel discussion with prominent Chinese-Canadians during the 2021 virtual Lunar New Year celebration. But we know statements are not enough and action is required. This is why in Budget 2021 we committed \$11.2-million investment to build up the Canadian Race Relations Foundation to support all racialized communities directly impacted by the rise of racism during the COVID-19 pandemic, including to help establish a national coalition to support Asian Canadians. Liberal Members of Parliament including Mary Ng, Bill Blair, and Bardish Chagger also worked closely with law enforcement agencies across the country to combat rising Anti-Asian racism during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to these actions, we established the Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat. This secretariat leads a whole-of-government approach in addressing racism and discrimination. The strategy is a \$45-million investment to build long-term changes in supporting communities and to improve policies, initiatives and practices in Canada's federal institutions.

After broad consultations with the Asian communities, we also added the definition of anti-Asian racism to Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy which is an important step in our fight against all forms of anti-Asian racism and discrimination.

Will you commit to designate a minister with major responsibilities in equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism?

The Liberal government introduced a Minister of Diversity and Inclusion, Bardish Chagger, and will continue to ensure this important role continues. We have taken a whole of government approach to equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism and will continue to do so.

Will you commit to maintain or increase the infrastructure and funding for the anti-racism related grant programs, such as Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives (CSMARI) and Anti-Racism Action Program (ARAP)?

A re-elected Liberal government will continue to support important programs such as the Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives and the Anti-Racism Action Program. We will build on the progress we made over the last six years and increase funding to multicultural community



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programs which play an important role in supporting community organizations across the country as they fight racism.

Will you commit to maintain and strengthen the Federal Anti-racism Secretariat and the Canadian Race Relations Foundation?

A re-elected Liberal government will continue to support and strengthen the Anti-Racism Strategy and the Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat by boosting funding for both. As mentioned in the previous answer, in Budget 2021 we committed \$11.2-million investment to the Canadian Race Relations Foundation to support all racialized communities directly impacted by the rise of racism during the COVID-19 pandemic, including to help establish a national coalition to support Asian Canadians.

What specific steps will you take to address anti-Asian racism? Will you commit to a national summit on anti-Asian racism, in the same fashion as the National Summits on Islamophobia and on Anti-Semitism?

We are committed to continue working with Asian communities and organizations across Canada to address anti-Asian racism. To address anti-Asian racism and support Canadians impacted by racism, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Strengthen and boost funding to both the Anti-Racism Strategy and the Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat.
- Support important programs such as the Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives and the Anti-Racism Action Program.
- Increase funding to multicultural community programs.
- Establish a National Support Fund for Survivors of Hate-Motivated Crimes to help survivors with any uninsured costs that they have had to bear such as, mental health care, physiotherapy, medical equipment, and paramedical service.
- Introduce legislation within the first 100 days to combat serious forms of harmful online content including hate speech.