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Representative Hong Condemns Republican's horrific, manipulative, and overtly racist resolution.

MADISON - Yesterday, the Assembly met to vote on the 2021 Assembly Bill 1. Representative Hong (D-76) issued the following statement on Resolution 4.

"Yesterday Speaker Vos and Rep Steineke last minute introduced Assembly Resolution 4 and passed it with a swift "unanimous voice vote". In parliamentary procedure, a voice vote is a voting method in which a group vote is taken on a topic or motion by responding orally. Although the majority of Democrats were not on the floor of the Assembly, floor procedure still dictated that the resolution passed with Republicans all voting yes and recorded unanimous.

"I want to apologize this morning for not voicing my opposition sooner and for the confusion this process may have caused for folks. Today I will be casting my opposition of Assembly Resolution 4 for the record -- I will be registering as NO.

"I also want to formally condemn this horrific, manipulative, and overtly racist resolution.

"To even compare the protests and fight for Black lives to the rioting of fascists insurrectionists carrying out a clear act of domestic terrorism is an act of violence in itself. If this resolution is meant to condemn the violence of the entire governing body that is the WI Assembly so be it. To associate living, breathing human beings to property and objects is inhumane in itself. This resolution and its petty words are a patchwork of whiteness working to uphold its grip on power and refusing to perceive anything but that whiteness as valuable.

"In a time where finding space within ourselves to process and grieve the multitudes of ongoing crises in our country, this resolution stings. It is despicable but not surprising that those so desperate to uphold systems of white supremacy actually fear a better world where respect, dignity, and the right to live exists for all people.

"I am honored that I have been given this opportunity to serve, by you, the people of the 76th. I do not take this lightly and my hope is that my transparency of this journey will help build relationships and opportunities to serve you better."

With gratitude,

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