Resolution #86

(March 9, 2020)

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CEC DISTRICT 5 URGENT REQUEST FOR CHANCELLOR RICHARD CARRANZA TO REMOVE DR. SANAYI CANTON FROM COMMUNITY EDCUATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, the Community Education Council in District 5 (CEC5) Bylaws, Section #5 – Disciplinary Action states; Officers are elected officials and are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner.

WHEREAS, President, Dr. Sanayi Canton has continued to exhibit unprofessional behavior, misconduct and offensive and derogatory language towards (CEC5) council members; and

WHEREAS, Sanayi Canton refuses to work collaboratively and consult with the Council regarding CEC5 business; and

WHEREAS, council members requests and recommendations are repeatedly ignored and dismissed by Sanayi Canton as president; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #85 was submitted by CEC5 Council Members in a timely manner to Sanayi Canton and members of the Department of Education, regarding Sanayi Canton's misconduct as President

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020, Michelle Chang stated that "Resolution 85 followed the process outlined in CEC 5 bylaws, Article IV, Section 1.1 for adding resolutions to the calendar meeting agenda. Therefore, Resolution 85 should be voted on at your calendar meeting on the 26th."

WHEREAS, Sanayi Canton refused to add Resolution #85 to the agenda for the February 26, 2020 General Meeting for a vote, as repeatedly requested by more than three members of CEC5; and

WHEREAS, instead Sanayi Canton invited friends (guests) to the CEC5 Meeting on February 26, 2020 to inflict abusive, derogatory and offensive language and gestures on the Council members, that elevated contention, and promoted a violent and hostile environment and meeting setting; and

WHEREAS, Sanayi Canton invited guests to bully and verbally and physically intimidate the CEC5 Council Members, during the CEC5 calendar meeting on February 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a guest threatened to knock teeth out of the mouth of one of the council members; and

WHEREAS, a guest pointed at and called the name of one of the council members in a threatening manner; and

WHEREAS, a guest verbally tried to slander the character of one of the CEC members, based on previous charges that were not substantiated by the Office of Investigation (OSI) several years ago. Therefore, proving that the CEC member was innocent of all alleged charges; and

WHEREAS, members of the Community Education Council District 5 became targets and victims of violent and offensive behavior exhibited by the guests of Sanayi Canton; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Police Department had to be called by a Council member, due to fear for their safety and life during the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Police Department and / or Public Safety Agents had to restrain another guest from physically approaching members of CEC5; and

WHEREAS, the children, DOE employees and Council members were ushered out of the hostile and unsafe environment created by Sanayi Canton's guests; and

WHEREAS, the CEC5 Business Meeting had to be cancelled, due to the instability and violent behavior exhibited and toxic environment created by the Sanayi Canton's guests during the CEC5 Meeting on February 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, information provided by members of the community substantiate a history of this offensive, unprofessional, and abusive misconduct by Sanayi Canton as the President and member of Community Education Council District 5; and

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 5 Bylaws, Section 5 – Disciplinary Action states, Council Members shall not engage in fighting or physically/verbally aggressive behavior, such conduct is grounds for suspension and possible expulsion by the Chancellor; and

BE IT RESOLVED, in light of Sanayi Canton's contribution to the violent behavior exhibited by the guest she invited, the toxic environment created and her slow response to deescalate the violent outbreaks by her guests during the CEC5 Meeting on February 26, 2020, further demonstrates Sanayi Canton's inability to serve the community as an effective, professional, respectful and productive president and member of Community Education Council District 5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Sanayi Canton be removed from Community Education Council in District 5 effective immediately by Chancellor Richard Carranza.