



International Student Affairs (sent by andrea\_popa@emerson.edu)

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## Joint Statement to International Students against Anti-China Incident

To our international student community,

Yesterday, members of an Emerson student organization distributed stickers that expressed anti-China hate as part of a promotional table in Boylston Place Alley.

The Office of International Student Affairs (OISA), the Office of Intercultural Affairs, and Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL) and the Social Justice Center (SJC) stand with our students from China, and other Asian-identified and Asian-American community members, to denounce the the use of free speech platforms for statements that are used as xenophobic weapons. Statements from the [President](#) and Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL) will also be sent to the broader Emerson community.

The 1st amendment and US Constitution restricts the government from limiting speech, but words have power and words have consequences. When words are used to create a hostile environment for community members, this can cause true harm. We will not tolerate language or actions that cross this line.

To our Asian-identified and Asian-American students - You have the right to be treated with respect and to feel safe on the campus you call home. Our offices will continue to speak up and to act to change when we see instances where your identity is targeted and your safety is harmed.

Yesterday's occurrence has been reported to the Office of Community Standards and they are reviewing reports in light of our [Code of Community Standards](#). While it will take time for this process to play out, we trust that the matter will be handled seriously and with care for community members. While this particular instance has already been reported, students wishing to report other incidences of bias, may do so via the [Bias Reporting Form](#).

For any students that wish to stop in and talk in community, our joint offices will hold space today:

**Thursday, Sept 30, 4:00-5:00 pm**

172 Tremont Street, Room 406  
Cultural Center

You may also reach out to International Student Affairs at [oisa@emerson.edu](mailto:oisa@emerson.edu), Intercultural Student Affairs at [intercultural@emerson.edu](mailto:intercultural@emerson.edu), Student Engagement and Leadership at [seal@emerson.edu](mailto:seal@emerson.edu), or Social Justice Center at [sjc@emerson.edu](mailto:sjc@emerson.edu).

Standing with you,