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President Biden’s Meeting with Xi Jinping and Olympics Boycott

Washington, D.C. — Before and throughout President Joe Biden’s virtual meeting on Monday evening with General Secretary Xi Jinping of the Chinese Communist Party, a coalition of Hong Kong, Tibetan, and Uyghur activists staged a 57-hour vigil outside the White House. As part of the event, **Brian Leung**, HKDC’s Executive Director, along with **Jeffrey Ngo**, an Advisory Board member, spoke at a joint rally on Sunday afternoon. The organizers [demanded](#) that the president highlight a host of Chinese human rights abuses against Hong Kongers, Tibetans, and Uyghurs, as well as refuse to attend the upcoming 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

In response to the Biden-Xi conversation and reports on Tuesday that the administration is [expected to announce](#) a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, HKDC issues the following statements.

From **Brian Leung**, HKDC’s Executive Director:

“According to the White House [readout](#), President Biden ‘raised concerns about the PRC’s practices in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, as well as human rights more broadly’ with Xi. Acknowledgement is welcomed, but words alone are not enough. We look forward to more concrete actions from the Biden administration to hold China accountable for its egregious human rights abuses. Diplomatically boycotting the Winter Olympics in Beijing will be a good starting point. We urge other like-minded countries to follow the U.S. lead and put further global pressure on China.”

“Human rights and democratic values should not be mere ‘concerns’; they should be priorities in the foreign policy of this administration, which promises to revitalize democracies and combat authoritarianism. The voices of Hong Kongers, who stand at the forefront of resisting China’s authoritarian encroachment, must be part of the dialogue.”

From **Jeffrey Ngo**, HKDC’s Advisor:

“HKDC is honored to have jointly organized the protest over the weekend with Students for a Free Tibet, the Capital Area Tibetan Association, DC4HK - Washingtonians Supporting Hong Kong, and the Uyghur American Association. I’m especially thankful to [Chris Choi](#), Director of Hong Kong Social

Action Movements in Boston, who brought to town his energy and determination to stay outside the White House over two nights despite near-freezing temperatures. He made sure our message was heard loud and clear. Moving forward, I'm confident that fostering a unified Hong Kong activist community and building solidarity with other peoples who face the Chinese Communist Party's repression will continue to help us push forward meaningful policy change."

***Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC)** is a Washington, D.C.-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization for Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement and Hong Kongers in the United States.*

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