

# RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) COMMUNITIES

## *Reaffirming Alameda County as a Welcoming County*

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors declared Alameda County as a Welcoming County for immigrants and refugees; and

**WHEREAS**, racism is a public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Alameda County condemns any acts of hate and discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or cultural basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden Administration released a memorandum on January 26, 2021 condemning and combating racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the United States, and recognizing the role the Federal Government has played in furthering xenophobic sentiments and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the AAPI population is the fastest growing racial group in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, AAPI communities make up the largest ethnic group in Alameda County; and

**WHEREAS**, AAPI ethnic groups have made substantial and valuable cultural, economic, and civic contributions to the history of the United States, the State of California, and the County of Alameda; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Supervisors supports and commends the diverse AAPI community in our county for its passion and efforts to serve and preserve the cultural tradition of the AAPI community; and

**WHEREAS**, Alameda County has committed to responding to the COVID-19 public health crisis with an equity lens to ensure all of our neighbors receive the support they need; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no racial, ethnic or cultural basis for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, hate crimes and xenophobia directed at Chinese and other AAPI communities has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stop AAPI Hate reporting center – which tracks self-reported incidents of hate and discrimination – has received over 2,800 incident reports in the United States since the pandemic began, with over 700 incidents taking place in the Bay Area region; and

**WHEREAS**, hate crimes against AAPI older adults have increased in the early weeks of 2021, especially as many seniors began to celebrate Lunar New Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the rise in hate crimes have led AAPI businesses in historic neighborhoods such as Oakland Chinatown to limit hours of operation out of fear for the safety of their employees and customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office has created a response team which includes members from the Oakland AAPI community to help build trust and engage with AAPI victims of hate crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, this response team focused on investigating AAPI hate crimes with services available in Cantonese and Mandarin; and

**WHEREAS**, Alameda County commends groups like the Oakland Chinatown Coalition, Asians with Attitudes, Compassion in Oakland, and the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce who have led grassroots efforts, such as the civilian-led “foot strolls” through Chinatown, to help protect the AAPI community; and

**WHEREAS**, Alameda County thanks the volunteers across ethnic groups who have come together for these “foot strolls” through Chinatown to support the safety of our AAPI neighbors and acknowledges that violence affects all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is up to all of us, to protect our health and well-being by addressing systemic racism and working on community-centered solutions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California does hereby condemn violence against the AAPI community and calls upon all residents and businesses to reject racist rhetoric, promote the health and safety of all people living in our communities, and educate each other on the facts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors respects racial and cultural diversity and inclusion, and calls upon the entire Alameda County community to promote proactive education and exchange of ideas and facts in an effort to increase mutual understanding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors reaffirms Alameda County as a Welcoming County.

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