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As the City of Long Beach's Human Relations Commission members, we stand in solidarity with our sisters, brothers, and siblings in the AAPI and LGBTQ communities, who are continuing to see increased and direct attacks in recent weeks. Long Beach is home to a diverse community including over 65,000 AAPI residents, and one of the largest LGBTQ populations in California. As a nation, we must confront the pervasiveness of racism and homophobia and its impact across Black, Indigenous, and other People Of Color (BIPOC) communities at interpersonal and institutional levels. The mass shooting in Atlanta, GA, and the burning of the LGBTQ Lifeguard Station here at home in Long Beach are just two examples of what happens when we do not root out racism and homophobia in our communities. The use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19 have perpetuated anti-Asian sentiment and a surge in hate crimes and incidents against Asian Americans. These blatant acts of hate are reminders that there is still much work to do. We are committed to working with the City of Long Beach and our community organizations to ensure this conversation does not fade away.

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