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RESOLUTION NO. RES-21-0025

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH CONDEMNING THE HATE
5 INCIDENTS, XENOPHOBIC RHETORIC, AND
6 HARASSMENTS AGAINST ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER
7 AMERICANS (“APIA”) AND COMMITS TO WORK TOWARDS
8 ENSURING THAT APIA FEEL SAFE BOTH DURING THE
9 COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BEYOND
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11 WHEREAS, when the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Pandemic”) began,
12 inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric referring to the Pandemic as the “Chinese Virus” or
13 “Kung Flu” put the Asian and Pacific Islander American (“APIA”) families, communities, and
14 businesses at risk for bullying, harassment, and hate crimes; and

15 WHEREAS, many APIA in Los Angeles County and around the nation have
16 been unjustly blamed for causing the Pandemic and are targeted for discriminatory
17 treatment, hostility, and violence; and

18 WHEREAS, an estimated 2 million APIA are sacrificing their lives to make
19 our country safe and are serving on the front line of the Pandemic crisis as healthcare
20 providers, first responders, and other essential workers; and

21 WHEREAS, according to a Pew Research Center report, about three in ten
22 Asian adults say they have been subject to slurs or jokes because of their race or ethnicity
23 since the outbreak of the Pandemic; and

24 WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council shared that 250
25 hate incidents and hate crimes have been reported in Los Angeles County, but they believe
26 there are many more that have gone unreported;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby
28 resolves as follows:

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Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach does hereby condemn the hate incidents, xenophobic rhetoric, and harassment against Asian Pacific Islander Americans and commits to work towards ensuring they feel safe both during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 23, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw, Mungo,
Saro, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.


City Clerk