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March 23, 2021

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach Condemning the Hate Incidents, Xenophobic Rhetoric, and Harassments Against Asian Pacific Islander Americans ("APIA") and Commits to Work Toward Ensuring that APIA Feel Safe Both During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of March 16, 2021, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By:


ERIN M. WEESNER-MCKINLEY
Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH CONDEMNING THE HATE INCIDENTS, XENOPHOBIC RHETORIC, AND HARASSMENTS AGAINST ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS (“APIA”) AND COMMITS TO WORK TOWARDS ENSURING THAT APIA FEEL SAFE BOTH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

WHEREAS, when the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Pandemic”) began, inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric referring to the Pandemic as the “Chinese Virus” or “Kung Flu” put the Asian and Pacific Islander American (“APIA”) families, communities, and businesses at risk for bullying, harassment, and hate crimes; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby 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 _____, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk