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March 23, 2021

Mayor and Councilmembers
City of Long Beach
411 W Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Agenda Item 20 of the March 23, 2021 meeting of the Long Beach City Council

Dear Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council,

I write to support the City of Long Beach's Resolution, expressing solidarity with the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen an approximately 150 percent increase in attacks and hate crimes toward API citizens due to racism, false information, and vitriol. As a former prosecutor who charged hate crimes, I strongly condemn these actions and would like to reiterate that no one in America should fear violence because of who they are, what they look like, or where they came from.

California is home to more than 7 million API citizens. As your Senator, I intend to continue working with my local API coalition and community members to ensure they feel protected and supported during this time.

On behalf of the 34th Senate District, I'd like to thank the City of Long Beach for standing in solidarity with the API community and actively proposing measures that uplift and protect our constituents from these senseless acts of violence.

Please feel free to contact David Ochoa in my district office at (714) 558-3785 should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Umberg
State Senator, 34th District