

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Journal of Criminal Justice, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are one of the fastest-growing racial/ethnic groups in the United States with statistics showing that the AAPI population increased from 3.5 million in 1980 to 11.9 in 2000, 19.4 million in 2013, and 23 million in 2020; and

WHEREAS, AJCJ notes that as the AAPI population increased, crimes against Asian Americans also rose over the years; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey, the rate of violent crime committed against Asian Americans increased from 8.2 to 16.2 per thousand from 2015 to 2018, nationally; and

WHEREAS, according to Stop AAPI Hate, the nation's leading coalition documenting and addressing anti-Asian hate and discrimination, between March 19, 2020 and December 31, 2020, over 2,800 accounts of anti-Asian hate were reported nationwide, with nearly 250 cases in Los Angeles County and over 700 in the San Francisco area; and

WHEREAS, the reported hate crimes include verbal harassment, physical abuse, cough and spit, civil rights violations, online harassment, workplace discrimination, and refusal of service in establishments or public transit; and

WHEREAS, in response to politically charged and culturally insensitive rhetoric propagated by former President Trump which further encouraged racism, prejudice, and hate crimes against the AAPI community, on September 17, 2020, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 908 which condemned all forms of anti-Asian sentiment and called for State and federal officials to investigate reports of anti-Asian crime and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, the Biden Administration issued a memorandum to combat racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against the AAPI community stating that during the COVID-19 pandemic, inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric, which has stoked fears and perpetuated stigma, has put Asian American and Pacific Islander persons, families, communities, and businesses, at risk; and

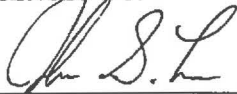
WHEREAS, on February 16, 2021, the California legislature adopted House Resolution 23 to denounce hate crimes, hateful rhetoric, and hateful acts against the AAPI community, to ensure that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders feel safe and welcome during the pandemic and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the AAPI community have made our nation more secure as millions have served on the front lines of this pandemic as healthcare providers, first responders, and other essential roles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should condemn and denounce all forms of anti-Asian hate crimes and support any form of federal and State legislative actions that provide funding to address the growing problem of hate crimes against the AAPI community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP for legislation and/or administrative action that establishes programs and provides funding to combat any form of hate crimes, discrimination, harassment, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

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