

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org).

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

#### Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

Name: Jon Deutsch

Phone Number: (213) 973-9758

Email: [jon.deutsch@losheliznc.org](mailto:jon.deutsch@losheliznc.org)

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/20/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/26/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0264

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: This March, Stop AAPI Hate reported that nearly 4,000 incidents of anti-Asian hate violence occurred between March 2020 and February 2021. Per 2018 data released by AAPI data, Los Angeles County is home to the largest AAPI population in the state of California, and the skyrocketing anti-Asian hate incidents stemming from the racialized perception of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is abhorrent and unacceptable. We urge the City Council to amend this motion to include broader, long-term solutions to eradicate hate and racism in our communities. Centering the criminal justice system over community-based approaches to combat hate is short-sighted, as increasing policing and prosecution in marginalized communities does not address the root causes of the racism that drive hate, violence, discrimination, and harassment. We are sickened and angered by the incidents of physical violence perpetrated against our community, but we also acknowledge that the majority of reported anti-Asian hate incidents involve verbal harassment, which oftentimes cannot be resolved by involving the police. While law enforcement can play a role in data collection and perpetrators of hate crimes must be held accountable, the AAPI community recognizes that increased policing does not lead to better outcomes or heightened feelings of safety. Any potential responses must include culturally competent community outreach, further investment in developing and anti-racism/anti-bias/anti-bullying education and de-escalation and bystander training, and institutional support for the Asian-American community.