

MOTION

Over recent months, there have been reports of an increased number of hate crimes targeting Asian-Americans across the United States, including in the City of Los Angeles.


Crimes being reported range from verbal abuse to physical assault, and also include incidents of vandalism. Police Department (LAPD) data indicates that hate crimes targeting Asian-Americans increased by 114% percent over the last year.

Any crime of this nature is unacceptable. These crimes are part of a troubling trend of discrimination and hate that started with the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and are fueled by racist conspiracy theories related to the virus.


No one should be victimized because of their ethnicity or country of origin; these crimes should be investigated, and the perpetrators identified and prosecuted. Further, efforts should be made to ensure that communities with large Asian populations and cultural sites are protected.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD), with the assistance of the City Attorney, be directed to report on recent reports of increased hate crimes targeting Asian Americans in the City and on the LAPD's response to this troubling trend, as well on potential resources that could be used to reduce instances of hate crimes targeting Asian-American communities and cultural sites; and to identify and prosecute those responsible for these crimes.

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