

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH FULLERTON'S ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES TO DENOUNCE DISCRIMINATION AND CONDEMN HATE, VIOLENCE, RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE

WHEREAS, the United States has a rich history of immigration from nations all over the world, creating diverse communities in cities throughout the country, including within the City of Fullerton.

WHEREAS, U.S. Census data shows almost 25% of the City of Fullerton's population comes from Asian and Pacific Islander descent.

WHEREAS, the growth of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities in the City fosters a diversity which enhances our community and contributes to the economic growth and success of Fullerton.

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, harmful and xenophobic rhetoric related to the geographic origins of this disease resulted in a rise in reported hate incidents and crimes against AAPI individuals, communities and businesses throughout the state.

WHEREAS, scientists have confirmed that the COVID-19 disease does not respect borders nor does ethnicity cause COVID-19. The World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors because such characterizations can fuel ethnic and racial discrimination.

WHEREAS, violent attacks have particularly intensified against Asian senior citizens across the United States and such xenophobia and discrimination can have a range of adverse physical and mental health consequences for stigmatized groups and their communities.

WHEREAS, City Council encourages all persons to report any such discriminatory and violent incidents to the proper authorities for investigation.

WHEREAS, City Council reaffirmed the City's commitment to a diverse, supportive and inclusive community and to protect the Constitutional rights of residents through the unanimous adoption of Resolution No. 2020-50 on June 16, 2020.

WHEREAS, The City of Fullerton will lead and stand in solidarity with AAPI communities and all other cities and community members to send a message that the City will not tolerate discriminatory, hateful and violent behavior.

WHEREAS, City Council affirms its commitment to the well-being and safety of the Fullerton AAPI community to ensure they know the City's commitment to their safety, well-being and inclusivity in all City affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fullerton denounces any acts of discrimination, hate, violence and xenophobia and joins with cities, counties, states and all residents across the country in affirming our commitment to the safety and well-being of Asian Pacific Islander communities and in combatting crimes and incidents of hate targeting them.

ADOPTED BY THE FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 20, 2021.

Bruce Whitaker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucinda Williams, MMC
City Clerk

Date