

RESOLUTION NO. 1046-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE DENOUNCING ANTI-ASIAN HATE ARISING DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, the City of Sunnyvale adopted a Statement of Our Values and Public Service stating that we take pride in the incredible diversity of people who form the rich fabric of our city, and embracing our community of many backgrounds and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Sunnyvale residents came together to strongly denounce hate and bigotry after a 2019 hate crime targeting residents perceived to be Muslim; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the City of Sunnyvale adopted a resolution denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment arising due to fears of the COVID-19 pandemic and affirming its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyvale wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of AAPI community members and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry; and

WHEREAS, a United Nations report released last August correlated a documented rise in anti-Asian attacks to former President Donald Trump's seeming legitimization and normalization of racism and xenophobia against people from China, especially during the current global pandemic, through the use of inflammatory rhetoric including referring to COVID-19 publicly as the "Chinese Virus" and "Kung Flu"; and

WHEREAS, despite a new Presidential Administration in office since January 20, 2021, incidents of hate crimes against AAPI people have continued, including a recent surge in reported attacks in our own San Francisco Bay Area, some notable for their violence and cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the recent rise of violence against AAPI community members is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color, and we must work together to create community-centered solutions that stop the violence in all communities; and

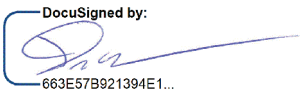
WHEREAS, in Santa Clara County, one of the first minority-majority counties in the nation, the AAPI community has been the largest racial group since 2014, and currently, AAPI residents make up 37 percent of the county's population and 47 percent of Sunnyvale's population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale stands with the AAPI community and calls on all constituents and leaders to join us in condemning racist attacks against AAPI community members, in all forms, and renewing our commitment to speak out against such attacks, defend and protect those targeted, and seek out and punish those who commit hate crimes against AAPI members of our community.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on March 30, 2021, by the following vote:

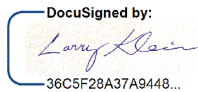
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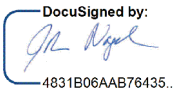
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City Clerk
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Mayor

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