

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 21-043

Introduced by Council Member Wahab

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AND VIOLENCE  
AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, rising fear stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and rampant hate-filled political rhetoric has encouraged an increase in racism, harassment, and acts of violence against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islander communities have been victims of thousands of documented reports of racially motivated violence and discrimination and are asking for support and solidarity in light of the attacks they are facing; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) asserts that stigma associated with COVID-19 may currently be affecting persons of Asian descent who work as emergency responders or healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) indicates that stigma can result in severe health problems and difficulties controlling a disease outbreak, driving people to hide illness to avoid discrimination, preventing people from seeking health care immediately, and discouraging them from adopting healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic in health care and as first responders; and

WHEREAS, medical personnel and first responders that are on the front lines in caring for patients with COVID-19 must be provided our unwavering support, as they sacrifice to continue to work through the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders cannot be blamed for COVID-19, do not represent a greater risk of spreading COVID-19, and should not be the target of continued verbal and physical attacks in any regard; and

WHEREAS, Hayward's population is comprised of nearly 30 percent of Asian American and Pacific Islander residents – our neighbors and community members who are subject to these rhetorical and physical attacks; and

WHEREAS, Hayward is dedicated to providing safety and equity to our communities of color, stands with our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and condemns these heinous attacks; and

WHEREAS, Hayward continues to work to advance racial equity and compassion in Hayward and strongly denounces racist ideologies and rhetoric that place blame for COVID-19 on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, the discrimination against those communities, and the acts of violence committed against them is aligned with that work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby honors its commitment for an Inclusive, Equitable, and Compassionate Community and condemns the xenophobia, racism, discrimination, and anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander racism aimed at our communities.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA March 23, 2021.

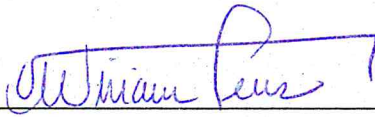
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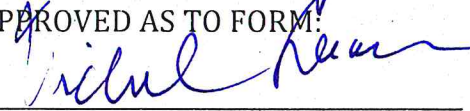
AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Andrews, Lamnin, Márquez, Salinas, Wahab, Zermeño  
MAYOR: Halliday

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ATTEST:   
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
City Attorney of the City of Hayward