

## **Resolution regarding Xenophobic and Racist actions against Asian Americans**

Whereas, as the spread COVID-19 has taken hold of the world, has threatened the lives of many, and push health care systems to the breaking point, there has been a rise of xenophobic hysteria and racist actions upon individuals of Asian-Pacific Islander heritage. From January 28 to February 24 there have been more than 1,000 reported cases of xenophobia actions against Asians in America (a rate of 37 cases per day) and throughout the world according to faculty from San Francisco State University.

Whereas, these fears and actions have been fueled by misinformation and misplaced conspiracy theories of COVID-19 spreads and of its origins through social media, right-wing media, conservative personalities, and particular leaders. The President of the United States and his administration has purposefully used the terms like “Chinese Virus” and “Kung Flu” in order to create an “us vs them” political atmosphere and stoke fear and anger against Asian American Americans.

Whereas, statements that shift people’s attention away from focusing on addressing the public health crisis created by the spread of COVID-19 towards putting blame upon ethnic communities. The shift of focus only spreads stigma, fear and increase xenophobic attacks on the Asian American Community.

Whereas, California and America as a whole are strong because of the contributions of its immigrant community. Asian Americans have been on the frontlines to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Asian Americans in the health care sector are there treating and nursing individuals who have succumbed to the disease. Asian Americans are in the labs developing the treatments, cures, and vaccines.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party denounces the spread of further fears and stigma that put that blame upon the Asian Pacific Islander community or any other minority communities.

Be it further resolved, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party demand President Donald Trump demonstrate moral leadership, exemplified by Governor Newsom, by condemning any and all attacks on the API community and apologize to the American People for inciting such behavior.

Be it further resolved, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party advocates that the California Democratic Party adopt this resolution or resolution of similar content.