

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT SURGE IN HATE CRIMES TARGETING ASIAN AMERICANS

WHEREAS. between March 19 and December 31, 2020, Stop AAPI Hate—a hate-incident-reporting website launched by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Chinese for Affirmative Action—received 2,808 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans across the U.S., with over 700 occurring in the Bay Area, including incidents of verbal harassment, shunning, denial of access to services and public spaces, and physical assault, while experts consider the true number of incidents to be much higher due to underreporting; and

WHEREAS a United Nations report released last August correlated a documented rise in attacks against Asian Americans to President Donald Trump’s seeming legitimization and normalization of racism and xenophobia against people from China, especially during the current global pandemic, and while Trump is no longer president, incidents of hate crimes against Asian Americans 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 Asian Americans 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and calls on all citizens and leaders to join us in condemning racist attacks against Asian Americans, 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.

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