



# City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 20, 2021  
**TO:** Christine Daniel, City Manager  
**FROM:** Sheri Hartz, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Denouncing Xenophobia And Anti-Asian Racism Arising Due To Fears Of The COVID-19 Pandemic And Affirming The City Of Emeryville's Commitment To The Well-being And Safety Of Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities**

### RECOMMENDATION

At the City Council meeting held on April 6, 2021, Mayor Martinez requested and received majority support to bring the above-entitled resolution forward to the next available City Council meeting. Whether to approve the resolution is at the Council's discretion.

### BACKGROUND

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19 has perpetuated anti-Asian stigma, and such rhetoric may put individuals of Asian ancestry at risk. Numerous Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities have reported experiencing microaggressions, racial profiling, hate incidents and, in some cases, acts of violence due to fears of COVID-19.

### DISCUSSION

The proposed Resolution would reflect the following policies of the City of Emeryville.

The City denounces xenophobia and anti-AAPI sentiment and joins cities, counties, and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of citizens, non-citizens and visitors with ancestry from the Asia Pacific region and in combating racist acts targeting AAPIs.

Further, the City Council encourages City departments to partner with community-based organizations and advocacy groups, as well as other appropriate officials and agencies across the county, to protect AAPI residents and victims of discrimination and to curb hate acts for other groups, including, but not limited to, Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Muslim, Jewish, and LGBTQ communities, and people with disabilities. The City Council also encourages City departments to ensure that eligible minority-owned and disadvantaged small businesses have fair access to the City's resources and can be directed to language assistance where needed.

Finally, the City Council calls upon all counties, cities, and local governments across the United States to adopt similar commitments to reaffirm their solidarity with AAPI communities and commit to combating hate and improving health equity.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no known fiscal impact to taking this action at this time.

#### **STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

There have been no staff communications with the public on this matter.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

#### **CONCLUSION**

Whether to adopt the resolution as drafted is at the City Council's discretion.

**PREPARED BY:** Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Christine Daniel, City Manager

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Draft Resolution