

CITY OF ALAMEDA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.2021-3

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CITY OF ALAMEDA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Resolution Denouncing Xenophobia and Anti-Asian American Pacific Islander Sentiment and Condemns Harmful Rhetoric and Racist Acts Arising Due to the Fears of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS, racism and scapegoating toward individuals of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) heritage have persisted since the 19th century and influenced local policies excluding Chinese and Blacks from purchasing homes in the more desirable neighborhoods, and federal policies including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which prohibited immigration of Chinese laborers; and

WHEREAS, racist policies continued into the 20th century with the Immigration Act of 1924, effectively banning all immigration from Asia; Executive Order 9066 in 1942, authorizing the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II; and others that have impacted Southeast Asian Americans, South Asians, Muslims, and Sikhs, among others; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 percent of Alameda's population is of AAPI heritage, and AAPI individuals serve in elected office, on City staff, and City boards and commissions, and are local business owners and employees; and

WHEREAS, over two million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first responders, transportation, supermarkets, and other service industries; and

WHEREAS, the use of disparaging anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19 has perpetuated anti-Asian stigma; and

WHEREAS, such rhetoric is inaccurate and stigmatizing, tends to incite fear and xenophobia, put individuals of AAPI ancestry at risk of retaliation, and deter them from accessing resources and services, appearing in public, and expressing their identity; and

WHEREAS, AAPI residents of Alameda are increasingly concerned about their safety and well-being, given the rise of racially motivated attacks, hate crimes, and harmful rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 has spread, numerous AAPI communities have reported experiencing microaggressions, racial profiling, hate incidents, and, in some cases, hate violence, but this number of self-reported hate incidents represents only a small fraction of the number of hate incidents that actually occur; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the City of Alameda Health Care District resolves that

- The City of Alameda Health Care District joins cities, counties, and states and special districts across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of citizens, non-citizens and visitors of Asian Pacific ancestry, and to combat racist acts targeting them; and
- The City of Alameda Health Care District denounces xenophobia and anti-AAPI sentiment and condemns harmful rhetoric and racist acts that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

- The City of Alameda Health Care District affirms its intent to partner with community-based organizations, as well as other appropriate officials and agencies across the country, to protect AAPI residents and victims of discrimination, and to curb hate acts directed at other groups, including, but not limited to, Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Muslim, Arab, Jewish, and LGBTQ communities, and people with disabilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on June 14, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: _____ 5 _____

NOES: _____ 0 _____

ABSTENTIONS: _____ 0 _____

ABSENT: _____ 0 _____

Michael Williams

Michael Williams, President

ATTEST:

Tracy Jensen

Tracy Jensen, Secretary

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