

RESOLUTION 2021-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL
CONDEMNING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AND HATE
AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and advancing social justice for people of all races, ethnicities, and national origins; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana is home to an estimated 332,318 residents, of which 12.1 percent—or approximately 40,210 residents—are of Asian or Pacific Islander descent; and

WHEREAS, the first Asians arrived in what is now the continental United States in the 1500s but are still perceived as “perpetual foreigners”; and

WHEREAS, no city, including the City of Santa Ana, has escaped the history of hateful actions against Asians; and

WHEREAS, Orange County’s first Chinatown, located in the heart of Santa Ana, was burned to the ground due to racist and xenophobic falsehoods spread about its Asian residents; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a long history of anti-Asian violence and discrimination, including the Page Act of 1875 which prohibited Chinese women from entering the United States, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 which prohibited any Chinese laborer from immigrating to the United States, the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II as authorized by former President Franklin D. Roosevelt through Executive Order 9066 in 1942, and murders of Asian Americans such as Vincent Chin; and

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, racist and xenophobic rhetoric such as “kung flu” and “China virus” was proliferated by former President Trump, which contributed to an unprecedented and alarming rise in reported hate crimes against individuals, communities, and businesses perceived to be Asian throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, from March 19, 2020 through February 28, 2021, Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition aimed at addressing anti-Asian discrimination amid the COVID-19 pandemic, received reports of over 3,795 hate incidents in the United States against those believed to be Asian; and

WHEREAS, throughout American history, Asian women have been fetishized, sexualized, and objectified; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, a white man targeted three Asian American-owned businesses in Georgia and murdered eight people, six of whom were Asian women who he fetishized, sexualized, and objectified in order to eliminate his “temptations”; and

WHEREAS, throughout American history, Asian Americans have been stereotyped as the “model minority,” a myth used to pit communities of color against one another; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana acknowledges how racism and discrimination have adversely impacted Asians in America for many generations and continue to do so to this day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana welcomes, honors, and respects the contributions of all its residents and acknowledges and embraces their differences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana thrives on the diversity of its residents, including its residents of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana desires to demonstrate its commitment to its residents by unequivocally stating that it will condemn racism, xenophobia, and hate against Asians and Pacific Islanders in America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana, that:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Santa Ana hereby condemns racism, xenophobia, and hate against Asians in America; and

Section 2. The City of Santa Ana stands in solidarity with our Asian community in its fight against hate; and

Section 3. The City of Santa Ana will work to ensure that all members of our Asian community are treated with dignity and respect.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the Clerk of Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021.



Vicente Sarmiento
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

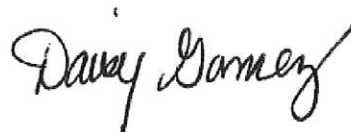
By: Sonia R. Carvalho

AYES:	Councilmembers	<u>Bacerra, Hernandez, Lopez, Mendoza, Phan,</u> <u>Penaloza, Sarmiento (7)</u>
NOES:	Councilmembers	<u>None (0)</u>
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers	<u>None (0)</u>
NOT PRESENT:	Councilmembers	<u>None (0)</u>

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, DAISY GOMEZ, Clerk of the Council, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2021 -018 to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on April 6, 2021.

Date: 04/08/2021



Daisy Gomez
Clerk of the Council
City of Santa Ana