

RESOLUTION NO. __

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING HATE AND XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE AGAINST ALL PERSONS

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena is committed to inclusion and advancement of diversity and equity for people of all ethnicities, national origins and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena is vastly diverse, comprised of myriad ethnicities and distinct backgrounds, representing the quintessential embodiment of America as a nation of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, propaganda distribution of racist, anti-Semitic and other hateful messages reached the highest level since the Anti-Defamation League began tracking such data, and nearly doubled the number reported in 2019; and

WHEREAS, xenophobia, bigotry, and discrimination have long been directed toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) throughout U.S. history with tragic consequences, in California and across the United States for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, 2021 alone has seen multiple attacks against the AAPI community across the country, including deadly attacks on females, elderly and others of Asian descent, including multiple killings within the past week; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, among single-bias hate crime incidents in the United States, 54.2 percent of victims were targeted due to racial, ethnic, or ancestry bias, and among those victims, 48.7 percent were victims of crimes motivated by their offenders'

anti-Black or anti-African American bias, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and

WHEREAS, in a report released by the FBI in November 2020 indicated that reports of hate crimes against Latinos increased in 2019, while the overall number of reports of hate-motivated killings hit its highest level since data began being collected in the early 1990's; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes targeting Muslim Americans in the United States is at an alarming level and remains the second largest target of crimes based on religious bias, according to the FBI; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena and all levels of government must stand united in combating intolerance, xenophobia, discrimination and hate against those of varying ethnicities, religious beliefs, genders and backgrounds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Council condemn and denounce the hateful messages and attacks against people of all ethnicities, races, national origins and backgrounds.

2. The Mayor and City Council condemn and denounce the violent attacks and continued xenophobic and racist rhetoric that have occurred recently.

3. The Mayor and City Council will work with leaders and members of the community to encourage and support efforts to report hate crimes and racially motivated incidents.

4. The Mayor and the City Council will work with leaders and members of the community to develop community-based solutions to root out systemic racism and uplift racial solidarity.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____
2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michele Beal Bagneris
City Attorney / City Prosecutor