

Proclamation

Condemning Anti-Asian Violence and Racism

WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific American communities are suffering acts of discrimination, hate crimes, and microaggressions due to fears of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased occurrence of violence against Asians, the League of California Cities Asian Pacific Islander Caucus has issued a statement denouncing the senseless attacks that occurred in Atlanta, Georgia where at least eight people were murdered, six of whom were of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, this is an unimaginable tragedy for the victims, their families and the Asian American community; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with all those who have suffered at the hands of senseless violence and call attention to the continued rise in anti-Asian motivated attacks; and

WHEREAS, such anti-Asian rhetoric and sentiment is inaccurate and stigmatizing, tends to incite fear and xenophobia, and may put Asian-Pacific Americans at risk of retaliation; and

WHEREAS, in Redwood City, 11.5% of the total population is of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and

WHEREAS, more than 2 million Asian American and Pacific Islanders are risking their lives every day, working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first response, transportation, and service industries including grocery stores; and

WHEREAS, Asian American businesses have been targeted for vandalism, and Asian and Pacific Islander older adults, in particular those who are recent immigrants with limited English language proficiency, are now facing greater challenges of discrimination due to anti-Asian rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, anyone who has either seen or been a victim of these senseless attacks is strongly encouraged to report it to the Stop AAPI Hate Center; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease does not respect borders and is not caused by ethnicity, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors because they can fuel ethnic discrimination.

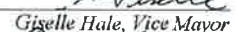
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, do hereby condemn all manifestations or expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, anti-Asian sentiment, scapegoating and ethnic or religious intolerance not only in Redwood City but throughout the nation and call upon our community and all public officials to denounce anti-Asian sentiment in any form.

Date: March 22, 2021






Diane Howard, Mayor



Giselle Hale, Vice Mayor



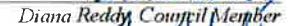
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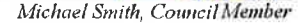
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