

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-0043

### A RESOLUTION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA

WHEREAS, as elected officials, we prioritize protecting our residents and making them feel safe by building a community of acceptance and inclusion;

WHEREAS, today, and every day, we stand in solidarity, in support, and in shared resolve with our diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community;

WHEREAS, in the past year, the use of anti-Asian rhetoric by some government officials has resulted in the scapegoating of Asian Americans for the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of such blame, anti-Asian sentiment is on the rise, resulting in a 150% increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans in 2020, with members of the AAPI community verbally and physically harassed, violently assaulted, and even killed;

WHEREAS, the City of Manhattan Beach ("City") condemns racism, violence, and hatred against our AAPI communities, and must do more to protect, lift up, and support the Asian American community. We condemn all expressions of racism, xenophobia, scapegoating, and anti-Asian sentiment;

WHEREAS, the City is committed to inclusion and advancing equality and justice for people of all races, national origins, and ethnicities;

WHEREAS, the City is concerned about the safety of Asian American and Pacific Islanders, given the rise of hate crimes and other acts of racially motivated hostility against them;

WHEREAS, the City seeks to ensure that all members of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, no matter their ethnicity, the language they speak, or their religious beliefs, are treated with dignity and equity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council affirms its commitment to the well-being and safety of our Asian American and Pacific Islander residents, students, employees, visitors, and community members.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City denounces all forms of anti-Asian sentiment, including xenophobia, racism, discrimination, and scapegoating due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2. The City joins local districts, cities, counties, and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

SECTION 3. The City calls on City officials, City staff, and City residents to respond to all credible reports of hate crimes, harassment, bullying, and threats against Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

SECTION 4. The City affirms its commitment to providing a safe welcoming environment for all residents, students, employees, and visitors of any race, ethnicity, and national origin.

SECTION 5. The City encourages individuals to report AAPI violence to organizations such as the LA County's LA vs Hate campaign, Stop AAPI Hate and Stand Against Hatred which provide places where those who have experienced anti-Asian bias or hate incidents can anonymously report their experiences.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED on May 18, 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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SUZANNE HALDEY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LIZA TAMURA  
City Clerk