

RESOLUTION

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Condemning the racialized harm against Asian American/Pacific Islander individuals and communities.

- Whereas: On March 16, 2021, the City of Atlanta and its Asian American community experienced a traumatic and tragic event resulting in the killing of eight people: Delaina Ashley Yaun (33), Xiaojie Tan (49), Daoyou Feng (44); Paul Andre Michels (54), Hyun Jung Grant (51), Soon Chung Park (74), Suncha Kim (69), and Yong Ae Yue (63); and
- Whereas: These horrendous acts of violence, targeting Asian women among the victims, were motivated by misogyny and have reverberated through the Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) community nationwide, including in the City of Minneapolis; and
- Whereas: Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the AAPI community has experienced discrimination, harassment, and racialized attacks in every public sphere, including healthcare, local businesses, public street, parks, transit, schools, and other public spaces; and
- Whereas: To date, the reporting center Stop AAPI Hate has received 3,800 reports of hate incidents stemming back to March 2020; and
- Whereas: Reported harm experienced by the AAPI community includes verbal harassment (68.1%), shunning (20.5%) which is the deliberate avoidance of Asian Americans, physical assault (11.1%), civil rights violations (8.5%) in workplace discrimination, refusal of service, and being barred from transportation, and online harassment (6.8%); and
- Whereas: AAPI women are twice as likely to be targeted and have reported hate incidents 2.3 times more than men; and
- Whereas: Hate incidents have targeted ethnic communities which comprise the AAPI community including but not limited to those of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, Japanese, Taiwanese, Hmong, Thai, Indian, Pacific Islander, Karen, Burmese, Pakistani, and Laotian ancestry; and
- Whereas: The local AAPI community in Minneapolis continues to experience discrimination at local businesses, senior centers, and neighborhoods; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis wishes to express its anguish for these unacceptable acts of hatred and violence against the AAPI community, to state its support for the victims of recent as well as historic acts of hatred, violence, and discrimination that have impacted the AAPI community, and is committed to denouncing racialized hate in all communities of color and to supporting all community members impacted by acts motivated by hatred, including the AAPI community; and
- Whereas: The City promotes resources for those members of the AAPI community who are impacted by this hatred, violence, and discrimination, which includes but is not limited to a Southeast Asian Community Navigator in the Office of Violence Prevention and a Southeast Asian Cultural Community Specialist in the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department; and

Whereas: The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA), within the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, is an additional resource for AAPI immigrant, refugee, and new American communities across Minneapolis; and

Whereas: The City's AAPI employees can come together in shared experience and solidarity through the Minneapolis Asian Pacific Employees (MAPE) resource group; and

Whereas: If AAPI Minneapolitans experience discrimination, they can access resources and support through the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights; and

Whereas: Beyond all odds, the AAPI community, including relatives, friends, and neighbors, continues to contribute to the vibrancy of Minneapolis in areas such as Eat Street, Dinkytown, Uptown, Lake Street, Lyndale Avenue, and Lowry Avenue in positions as business owners, farmers, school teachers and college professors, artists, medical doctors and nurses, civil servants, grocers, and social workers, to name just a few occupations;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council stand in solidarity with the Asian American/Pacific Islander community, both in the City of Minneapolis and across the United States, and expresses its unwavering commitment to combatting anti-Asian hate and discrimination by protecting AAPI Minneapolitans and holding accountable those who cause them harm.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Council hereby express its strongest condemnation for racism and intolerance against Asian American/Pacific Islander communities and peoples.

And Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize, celebrate, and honor the rich cultures and contributions of our AAPI families, friends, and neighbors.

Passed this the 26th Day of March 2021

Lisa Bender, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk