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CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 6, 2021

- O. CITY MANAGER ITEM. MEMORANDUM FROM CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REGARDING POSSIBLE DIRECTION FROM CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO AGENDIZE RESOLUTION DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER SENTIMENT AND AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.**

CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

Attached is the following document:

- Memo from City Attorney's Office



**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 6, 2021

TO: Joe Hoefgen, City Manager

FROM: Michael Webb, City Attorney
Joy Abaquin, Quality of Life Prosecutor

SUBJECT: Resolution Denouncing Xenophobia and Anti-Asian American and Pacific
Islander Sentiment

Please see attached for possible City Council direction to agendaize for next City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. CC-XXXX-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER SENTIMENT AND AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach is committed to providing a safe environment that allows all residents and visitors equal access and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there are 23,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States, which is 7 percent of the population of the country; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first response, and transportation, as well as service industries; and

WHEREAS, hate incidents, hate crimes, discrimination, and aggression against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are on the rise throughout the country as Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are falsely being blamed by some for the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Redondo Beach, the Asian American population make up nearly 13 percent of the city's population, the second largest ethnic group in Redondo Beach; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2021 California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye issued a statement on recent violent attacks against Asians and Asian Americans, stating, "Anti-Asian violence, like any violence based on prejudice, bias, or fear of the other, is reprehensible."

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2021, Los Angeles County Superior Court Presiding Judge Eric Taylor joined California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye by releasing a news release denouncing recent race-based violence, referencing the "alarming and unacceptable targeting of many in our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in California and across our nation."

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American and Pacific Islander residents, students, employees, visitors, and community members, and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Redondo Beach denounces xenophobia, racism, discrimination, and anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander sentiment;

SECTION 2. The City of Redondo Beach 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; and

SECTION 3. The City of Redondo Beach affirms its commitment to providing a safe welcoming environment for all residents, students, employees and visitors of any race, ethnicity, and national origin.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day of , 20 .

William C. Brand, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael W. Webb, City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. O- was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the day of , 20 , and approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the day of , 20 , and there after signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk