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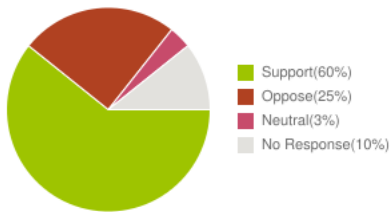
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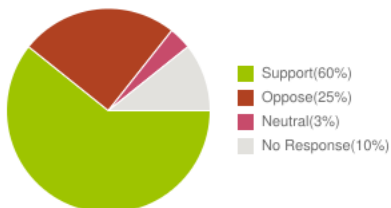
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N.1. 21-2300 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROGRESS AND POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS OF THE ENHANCED RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS PILOT PROGRAM AND PALLET SHELTER	9	5	3	1
N.2. 21-2301 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES AS BOND AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS BOND COUNSEL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$146,800 FROM APRIL 13, 2021 UNTIL TERMINATED; AND APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH RICHARDS, WATSON & GERSHON PC FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS DISCLOSURE COUNSEL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,500 FROM APRIL 13, 2021 UNTIL TERMINATED	1	0	1	0
N.3. 21-2282 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND DIRECTION REGARDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH A 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY OR FIREWORKS SPECIAL EVENT	2	1	0	0
N.4. 21-2294 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION REGARDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE OPENING OF SEASIDE LAGOON FOR SUMMER 2021	2	0	2	0
N.5. 21-2293 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE CITY'S REVIEW OF SITES FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN	9	7	1	0
N.6. 21-2208 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION DIRECTING STAFF TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING STATE RELINQUISHMENT OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, STATE ROUTE 107, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH	2	2	0	0
P.1. 21-2307 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A 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	3	2	0	0

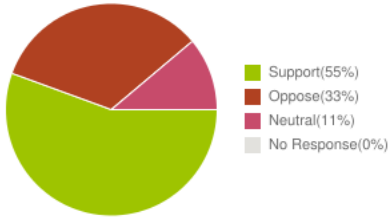
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Peter Aziz

Location:

Submitted At: 9:10pm 04-13-21

I support the continuation of the ongoing project for the pallet shelter. Out of all the city's of Los Angeles, Redondo Beach has been one of the only cities which has successfully produced results. I believe the continuation of this project would provide greater opportunities for more permanent solutions. I would hope that all of the council would consider that each district should house all of the shelters. I think it to be abhorrent that this consistent argument of the ongoing residents of a back and forth on whether or not this issue is a north and south Redondo problem. My fear is that the program will end if is not consistent. The houseless residents already have inconsistent housing as it is, due to nomadic patterns, I would hope that our council considers a better solution that considers consistent movmenet of this program.

Lezlie Campeggi

Location:

Submitted At: 8:51pm 04-13-21

Thank you for your discussion to continue the pallet shelter program. It was gratifying to hear from the Police Chief that contrary to some assertions by others, there is not an uptick in crime in the surrounding areas. It makes sense to continue the program in its current location while exploring other possible areas within the City that could accommodate the program per the City zoning that allows it. It was more than disappointing to watch Council Member Emdee's indignant meltdown when the motion and subsequent discussion didn't go to her liking, and to make this another of her north vs. south political ploys rather than discussing the merits of the program, its success, and how the City can best keep it! Ms. Emdee was proposing locations over which the City has no control. That's not a prudent way to conduct reasonable business. Kudos to the other four Council Members for maintaining calmness during their discussion. And thank you, Council Member Obagi for clarifying YOUR discussions with residents of the District where the program resides expressing their support for the program and its current location. Bravo, Council Member Loewenstein for calling out Ms. Emdee on her use of the term "mansplaining" to inappropriately label those with whom she disagrees.

Sheila Lamb

Location:

Submitted At: 8:32pm 04-13-21

I live in District 4 and I'm proud of our district for hosting the Pallet Shelter. I am not supportive of moving it. This is a great program that our residents are proud of...we should continue to be the host of this program in District 4.

James Melton

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23pm 04-13-21

I oppose extending the pallet shelter program in the current location. City council and the Mayor lied to us in indicating that this location is temporary and would be moved to South Redondo after that time. I have observed many more homeless in our neighborhood since the first of the year and have complained to the city. Michael Webb lied about contacting all residents that complained as he has not reached out to me. Mayor Brand did not

reply to my outreach.

Michelle Cohens

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08pm 04-13-21

The problem is not with the shelter. The problem is not with helping those who need help. The problem is the blatant disregard for residents of district 4 who have shared concerns like a broken record at the kingsdale location that no one seems to be listening to. The deal was 6 months at kingsdale and then move the location. You cannot turn a deaf ear to concerns of one district after promising one thing to start the initial process. Kingsdale has taken the initial steps to ensure this is a success, now it's time to work together and move to a new location. I have faith council members Obaji, emdee and horvath will speak up against keeping it where it is.

Michael Garlan

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 04-13-21

We are opposed to any extension of the Pallet Shelter at Kingsdale. The Administrative Report on this issue touts the success of the shelter. However, the report fails to address the negative impacts to the area outside the shelter on both residents and businesses such as:

The increase of crime committed by transients in the area including thefts and vandalism suffered by nearby residents since the shelter has opened. The report does not include crime data. Data would show that transient crime has increased at a faster rate and to a higher level than in other parts of our city. This appears deliberate. The increase of losses due to theft suffered by nearby businesses like Ralph's, Target, and Ulta Beauty. The loss of revenue at the local retail stores and restaurants due to customers avoiding the area due to safety concerns. Ralph's has recently hired armed security due to safety concerns for its customers and employees. Along with a spike in theft.

Home prices in the area have been effected by the proximity of the homeless shelter. Realtor.com says that having a homeless shelter nearby decreases a home's value by 12.7%. Homeowners must disclose a homeless shelter nearby when selling.

When the Pallet Shelter was being considered last year residents submitted over 100 eComments regarding the issue. The majority expressed concerns over the negative impacts that the shelter would have on the local area around the site. The city has done little to address those concerns other than posting some "No Camping" signs and providing 24 hour security inside the shelter, while our concern was for outside the fence. The residents who live near the the shelter have had their safety, property values, and quality of life impacted. If the council believes that the shelter has had no negative impacts then they should have no issue with moving the shelter to a location in South Redondo where the majority of the homeless are, and where they would be closer to the homeless court. The agreement was that the shelter would be at Kingsdale for six months then moved to South Redondo or be shut down. We expect the council to keep it's word. Mike and Lisa Garlan

Lisa Soncotski

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 04-13-21

I support the continuation of the pallet shelter program given the positive results from the first trial location. The City Net Census Report is very informative relative to the demographics of our unhoused population. I agree with the recommendation to focus the response where the people are located given the majority are responsive to help. The pallet shelter should move next to an area near the Redondo Beach Pier or Dominguez Park.

Michael Sachs

Location:

Submitted At: 3:20pm 04-13-21

Please continue the pallet shelter program. For our city to lead on this issue, each district should have a pallet shelter. Please work towards that goal and continue to work with PATH, Project Roomkey, and other homeless support organizations. Also, reconsider block grant funding to local churches that feed the homeless. I believe it

was a mistake that the Council removed that funding a couple years ago.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell

Location:

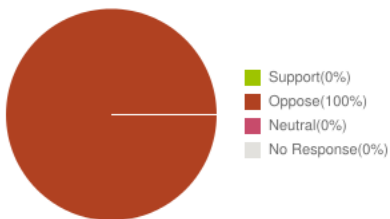
Submitted At: 1:54pm 04-13-21

I support moving the location of the pallet shelter if the decision is made to continue the project. I support making a move due to the increase of activity in an already busy portion of the neighborhood on 182nd between Inglewood Ave. and Kingsdale. While it's good to see homeless people can take shelter, I'd like to suggest there be a complete first aid kit with ice packs for occupants that experience injuries like we have encountered. There should also be OTC therapeutics in case of illness so they can treat themselves as needed. I would also like to suggest there be constant supervision in the case of matters such as these, especially when emergency care is needed, as we have seen.

If the decision is made to discontinue this program I also support that since city leaders would only make that decision in the best interest of RB citizens. If the decision is made to continue, please consider an area that is further away from family homes. We already have more than enough to deal with, besides the fact that homeless shelters are high on the list of factors that lower property values.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.2. 21-2301 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES AS BOND AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL
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Kate Korman-Soooper

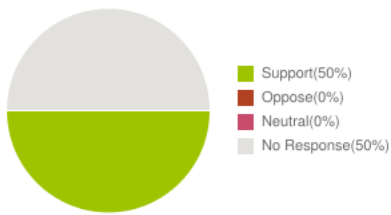
Location:

Submitted At: 8:51pm 04-13-21

Good evening, Council, If I've learned nothing else in the past 6 months, it's that contracts like these being brought before Council should be part of an RFP or a presentation to Council with the other vendors approached for maximum transparency. Have you fully vetted who you are approving here? Have you ever? We can do better. We must do better. We cannot sign off on Pay-to-Play dealings.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.3. 21-2282 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND DIRECTION REGARDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH A 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY OR FIREWORKS SPECIAL EVENT

Overall Sentiment



Maggie Healy

Location:

Submitted At: 4:39pm 04-13-21

Now would be a great time to consider an alternative to an annual fireworks show, such as a laser show instead. Fireworks are not environmentally sound, and do great damage to our eco system, leaving metal particles and dangerous toxins in our air and our ocean. They also cause great distress to animals and many people.

Environmentally conscious cities have found ways to celebrate the fourth of July that do not involve harming animals and people. Unfortunately, tonight's staff report has not provided you with the various alternatives such as a laser show or drone show. With budget cuts looming, it's time for the City to celebrate our Independence in a way that demonstrates our commitment to a healthier environment and that takes less of a chunk out of the City's budget.

Jeff Ginsburg

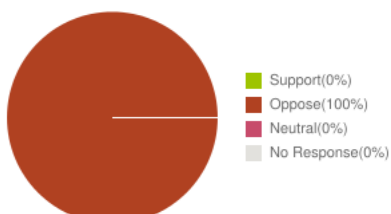
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Submitted At: 4:08pm 04-13-21

This is Jeff Ginsburg and the current President of the Riviera Village Association; I just saw this agenda item and since the RVA has previously requested to have the 4th of July Fireworks barge to be moved in front of Avenue I so the Riviera Village could have a 4th of July event I am wondering if considering the unique circumstances out there this year would this be something the Mayor & City Council would support? Since it looks like the city might cancel the harbor fire works barge show then this could work out to be a "win-win" scenario rather than canceling 4th of July firework entirely for the city? I believe if the city saw how well a fireworks show viewed from all along Esplanade could be to residents that it might become the new location? Also I was told by fireworks experts that the size of the fireworks show in the harbor is very limited due to the proximity of boaters and also that boaters are not allowed to take their boats out while the barge is setup due to safety concerns so having the fireworks on a barge in open water would actually allow for a much larger fireworks show and allow boaters to cruise around as they please as well! If we can get this all approved then it also shouldn't cost the city anything for the fireworks since the barge/fireworks costs would be sponsored! Looking forward to a Fun 2021...thanks for listening and hopefully got your support :)

Agenda Item: eComments for N.4. 21-2294 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION REGARDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE OPENING OF SEASIDE LAGOON FOR SUMMER 2021

Overall Sentiment



Peter Aziz

Location:

Submitted At: 10:50pm 04-13-21

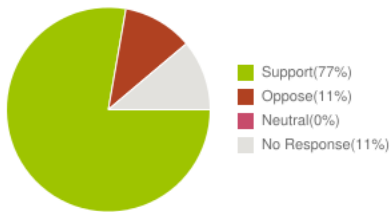
Having worked in parks and recreation for a decade or more, and specifically seaside lagoon for the summer. I am opposed to the consideration of opening up the park. We are not ahead of this virus and if you understand the environment in which the seaside lagoon operates it is not a place that will be conducive to mitigating this virus in a post-pandemic world. I understand the city wanting to be eager to open up, however opening up a seaside lagoon would only provide a haven of growth in the virus.

Michael Sachs

Location:

Submitted At: 3:35pm 04-13-21

The Seaside Lagoon is unique and has many memories for Redondo Beach residents, but when I inform residents that the lagoon costs the city in excess of 200K a year to operate, most (if not all) don't think it's worth it. Just the liability relating to violating the NPDES permit is enough for me to conclude that the cost and risk are too much. We need our city to get out of the business of discharging effluent into our harbor anyway. Please move forward in a timely manner to replace the lagoon with a water feature per Measure C that is more environmentally sound and is a revenue generator.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.5. 21-2293 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE CITY'S REVIEW OF SITES FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN**Overall Sentiment****Pat Healy**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:34pm 04-13-21

Question: What if another Special Interest Group, that is not aligned with the South Bay Parkland Conservancy, Rescue Our Waterfront, Building a Better Redondo, or the "Resident Representatives" from South Redondo Beach, wants to seek funding from the City of Redondo Beach for planting plants, suing the City, and environmental activism: will they get equal discussion and consideration for their proposed project?

Peter Aziz

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15pm 04-13-21

I would really like to see an initiative to consider having a community garden in North Redondo. I understand the power lines right away is not the ideal consideration due to the "requirements" in place of having consistent movements of pedestrians due to a safety issue. however, Given the potential for the plan, I would like the council to consider this community garden in the north part of the city as it would be ideal and complimentary to the culture of north redondo.

Menya Cole

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14pm 04-13-21

I fully support the community garden effort and look forward to the opportunity to finally bring a garden to Redondo Beach. We are surrounded by cities with successful gardens and I believe that the benefits of these gardens are limitless. As you continue to consider the next steps in the process, I urge you to remember that this is not a business venture; it will result in no financial gain for any parties involved. It's not political, it's not controversial...it's a garden. It's an opportunity to grow food, grow community and cultivate joy for years to come.

Jim Light

Location:

Submitted At: 8:56pm 04-13-21

SBPC fully supports the Community Garden and stands ready to provide support to bring it to reality.

SBPC continues to expand native habitat in Wilderness Park. Our effort is now in its third year and nearly the entire western side of the park is now native habitat with nearly 2900 native plants. SBPC has brought thousands of hours of free labor from hundreds of residents from toddlers to grandparents and including multiple school and church groups and multiple Eagle Scout projects. Wilderness Park now has butterfly habitat for the endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly and the Monarch Butterfly.

Recently, SBPC has expanded our native habitat projects with projects on the Esplanade Bluff and the establishment of a home yard native habitat certification program. SBPC has joined with LA Conservation Corps in their efforts to clear, plant native plants, weed and water the Esplanade bluff. We have also raised money and obtained the required permissions to replant a degrading bluff top garden with native plants.

SBPC has supported the Audubon Society in documenting the variety of birds using the AES wetlands. SBPC has also supplied the native habitat portions of several recent grants submitted by the City, resulting in the award of two grants. SBPC has also supported the city in multiple meetings with various state agencies.

Ms. Healy seems on a personal vendetta against SBPC as she has resorted to misinformation in her attempts to besmirch this fine organization. SBPC tax filings are up to date and have been supplied to Ms. Healy. Our activities have been inline with our mission and are legal activities for non-profits. Yes, SBPC did support the successful CEQA lawsuit against the CenterCal EIR. The project negatively impacted the three parks in the area and every public recreational use of the harbor. The EIR did not adequately evaluate these impacts. The court agreed and voided city approvals, requiring the EIR to be remedied to comply with CEQA. This was directly in line with SBPC's mission and is legal under IRS and state law.

SBPC remains committed to continued support throughout the city including the Community Garden.

Nick Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18pm 04-13-21

Please continue the community garden effort under the leadership of Brianna Egan and our Redondo Beach Community Garden Council. We as a team have already drafted garden design plans, garden rules, secured grant funding, and assembled a team of experts and advisers. Proceeding with this group in charge would be of the best interest of the city because it would move the community garden ahead of schedule, be of less cost to city, have suggested rules and regulations, and secured community partners. Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Holst

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18pm 04-13-21

I fully support the creation of a community garden in Redondo Beach. The committee presented a plan last month that is actionable and we are ready to get started.

mara lang

Location:

Submitted At: 7:13pm 04-13-21

I fully support the idea of a community garden in Redondo Beach. But, let's keep politics out of it and make sure

the gardens will be run by residents and not let the project not be muddled by false accusations from disgruntled residents looking to politicize the idea for their own personal gain. Thats why I fully support South Bay Parkland Conservancy being the supporting organization behind the Redondo Beach Community Garden Project - heck! It already has two of their board members as founding committee members. Along with Brianna, SBPC has already contributed many volunteer man-hours to exploring the viability of this project, and as was demonstrated in the presentation before the council last month, it is a fully formed idea and plan. I am so excited to see this project get of the ground. And despite the efforts of some to derail this project, I know they will still be welcome to join the movement should they wish to set aside their own agenda.

Eileen Kallish

Location:
Submitted At: 6:25pm 04-13-21

There is great support for the garden in the community. There is a Redondo Beach scout group that are interested is building boxes for the garden.

Maggie Healy

Location:
Submitted At: 5:27pm 04-13-21

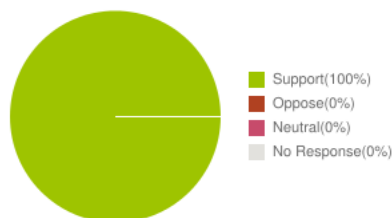
I fully support the idea of a community garden in Redondo Beach. But, let's keep politics out of it and make sure the gardens will be run by residents and not special interest groups.The request from the South Bay Parkland Conservancy is problematic for many reasons that I urge the City Council to seriously consider.

- 1) The SBPC remains in violation of federal tax law, specifically IRC 6104 which requires prompt public disclosure of tax returns. At the March 9 Council meeting, SBPC's president admitted he was "behind" on filing tax returns. They are not just behind, they have violated the law by not filing and by not disclosing their tax returns upon the request of residents of Redondo Beach.
- 2) The SBPC was founded by Mayor Brand in 2004 to advance his political goals. The organization has remained politically active in violation of non-profit regulations, raising funds for Rescue Our Waterfront (a political action committee) and to sue our City. Only in the last two to three years has the SBPC actually taken on projects like planting – which is more appropriate to their stated purpose.
- 3) Mayor Brand and his wife are on the board of the SBPC and the SBPC has been the registrant of the Mayor's campaign website. It would be highly improper for Mayor Brand to participate in this discussion as it presents a clear conflict of interest.
- 4) The SBPC joined with Rescue Our Waterfront and Building a Better Redondo to launch a bitter lawsuit against the City (and citizens of Redondo Beach), costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Now they are asking us to trust them with resources and funding.

If a partner is needed for the community garden, we should request proposals because surely we can find an organization that won't violate the public trust. Would this council allow any other organization with this history to take over public land and resources if it wasn't the Mayor's organization? I think the answer is absolutely not. Please approve the motion as made by a majority of the Council at the March 9 meeting to move forward with siting of a Community Garden, but not involving the SBPC.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.6. 21-2208 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION DIRECTING STAFF TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING STATE RELINQUISHMENT OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, STATE ROUTE 107, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

Overall Sentiment



Niki Negrete-Mitchell

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17pm 04-13-21

I support our city taking jurisdiction of our portions of Hawthorne Blvd. if that's what is on the table. We need to keep the best interest of our city as the priority which means not allowing neighboring cities to set the ground rules for our future when they clearly indicate they prefer to engage in practices that undermine Redondo Beach private homeowners.

I also support, if the city learns through research that the best interest of its citizens lies in keeping state route 107 designation as is, that decision be made. In other words, whatever works best for our goal in utilizing Hawthorne Blvd. as our alternative for the Metro Green (C) Line, PLEASE MAKE THAT OUR PRIORITY.

Michael Garlan

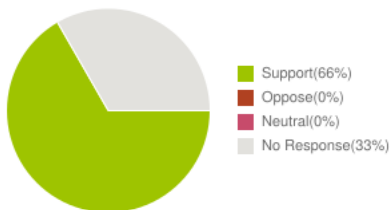
Location:

Submitted At: 8:56am 04-13-21

I support the city seeking information on the state relinquishment of Hawthorne Blvd. Please include in the study how the relinquishment would effect the building of the Green Line extension on Hawthorne Blvd. Specifically, would the City of Torrance be able to prevent the extension from being built on Hawthorne Blvd. and force it down the BNSF Right of Way.

Agenda Item: eComments for P.1. 21-2307 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A 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

Overall Sentiment



Charlie Szymanski

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24pm 04-13-21

Charlie Szymanski

I believe in accordance with the US Constitution and all Civil Rights legislation, that the United States and all governments within the United States should take a stand against all segregations and against any callouts favoring or disfavoring any racial, ethnic, religious, or gender-based groupings. As such, I believe the city should release statements that show its fair and equal treatment and considerations for all people and against domestic violence or ill will whatsoever, and do so in an inclusive manner, speaking for the rights of individuals and all bona fide groups, and the right of all individuals to pursue their destinies without hindering or impeding the rights and dignity of all others. Therefore, I encourage Redondo Beach to release one or more statements, all including the citizens of the City, State, United States, and humanity, as applicable.

Charlie Szymanski, South Irena Avenue, District 1

Jerome Chang

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58pm 04-13-21

Thank you for establishing a city-wide stance against anti-Asian hate. Our community has been discussing amongst ourselves and the anxiety levels are concerning, if not for ourselves, but our elders, and our families in

general. Two general comments:

1. Many incidents are underreported. Know that the 150% increase in incidents in 2020 over 2019 is undercounted.
2. The xenophobia occurs much more beyond the more obvious physical violence and harassment - the discrimination and sentiment manifests in micro aggressions, implicit biases, and other "thousand paper cuts." Please let us speak up. Please speak up for us. Please intervene. And this goes for Asians for fellow Asians. Strength in numbers, folks. We are not, and cannot be alone, and invisible.

I therefore encourage Council to adopt more specificity, "teeth" and action items from Biden's memo (see section 2 b, c): <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/26/memorandum-condemning-and-combating-racism-xenophobia-and-intolerance-against-asian-americans-and-pacific-islanders-in-the-united-states/>

Also, I submit mark-ups from a group of us here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/5ut47b73bonjaig/2021-04-13%20City%20Council%20resolution%20anti-Asian%20Hate%20%28flattened%29.pdf?dl=0>

Thank you.

Michael Sachs

Location:

Submitted At: 3:53pm 04-13-21

Please resolve to condemn anti-Asian racism and racism of any kind. People need to feel empowered to come forward and report these incidents. We need to make that process easier and more accessible. The Indianapolis City-County Council condemned anti-Asian harassment and racism in a resolution unanimously passed on Monday night, a symbolic stand against the violence toward Asian American and Pacific Islanders. Please refer to their resolution as you discuss. Also, consider adding your support to the US Senate bill addressing hate crimes against Asian Americans that will be taken up this week.