

BOARD RESOLUTION 21031601 OF THE WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The West Valley-Mission Community College District hereby endorses House Resolution 23 of the California Legislature denouncing hate crimes, hateful rhetoric, and hateful acts against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and reaffirms its commitment to foster a culture in which all members of the community, feel safe, respected and valued. The West Valley-Mission Community College District is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion as core values.

WHEREAS, The Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Chinese for Affirmative Action launched a hate incident reporting internet website, titled "Stop AAPI Hate," at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Stop AAPI Hate reporting center documented over 2,800 hate incidents against Asian Pacific Islander (API) Americans in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Over 700 of these incidents occurred in the bay area of California; and

WHEREAS, Racism toward APIs has always existed, such as the 19th-century scapegoating of APIs, also known as the "Yellow Peril"; and

WHEREAS, Racism against APIs has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Politically charged and culturally insensitive rhetoric referring to COVID-19 as the "Chinese virus" or "kung flu" further encourages racism, prejudice, and hate crimes against APIs; and

WHEREAS, The promotion of such language by former President Donald Trump during his term further propagated anti-API sentiments in light of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, About 31 percent of Asian Americans report having been subject to discrimination since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a Pew Research Center report; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans in the State of California are increasingly concerned about their safety and well-being, given the rise of hate crimes and other racially motivated attacks; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the California State Legislature’s API Legislative Caucus made efforts toward defending immigrant and refugee communities, engaged with hundreds of people to discuss xenophobia, and spoke out against anti-API hate incidents and hate crimes, while confronting realities of a worldwide pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the West Valley-Mission Community College District hereby denounces hate crimes, hateful rhetoric, and hateful acts against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and works to ensure that APIs feel safe and welcome, both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the West Valley-Mission Community College District reaffirms its commitment to foster a culture in which all members of the community, feel safe, respected and valued; and understand that diversity and inclusion are key priorities of the West Valley-Mission Community College District as stated in its mission: now, therefore, be it

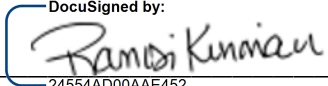
RESOLVED, that we, the West Valley-Mission Community College District supports Assembly Member Evan Low in introducing and passing House Resolution 23, as drafted, denouncing hate crimes against Asian Americans and calling all Californians for solidarity.

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Dated: 3/17/2021

Signed: 
Randi Kinman, Board President, WVMCCD