

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, 23 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for 7 percent of the population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, anti-Asian racism and hate are not new and have a long history in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for far too long, Asian Americans have been the target of xenophobic policies, labor exploitation, hate crimes, and systemic racism in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the use of anti-Asian rhetoric, especially as it intensified this past year, has resulted in Asian Americans being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID–19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, violence and hate crimes against Asian Americans have increased by 150 percent in major U.S. cities; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, Asian American and Pacific Islander women made up 68 percent of the 3,800 hate incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, since the start of year 2021, there has been a surge in anti-Asian attacks targeting elderly Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognize that naming COVID–19 by its geographic location or linking it to a specific ethnicity perpetuates stigma; and

WHEREAS, no one should live in fear in our communities across Wisconsin and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of West Allis Common Council that the City of West Allis condemns violence of all forms against the AAPI community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of West Allis Common Council condemns all acts of racism, xenophobia, sexism, gender-based violence, discrimination, anti-Asian bias, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of West Allis Common Council encourages leaders at all levels to recommit the United States to serve as a world leader in building more inclusive, diverse, and tolerant communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of West Allis Common Council encourages the Attorney General to work with State and local agencies and Asian American and Pacific Islander community-based organizations to prevent discrimination and expand culturally competent and linguistically appropriate education campaigns on public reporting of hate crimes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of West Allis Common Council encourages everyone to condemn anti-Asian bias, read, learn, and seek opportunities to experience cultures other than their own, review their practices that may create barriers or contribute to systemic racism, and in these ways and others seek to become a more welcoming, inclusive, anti-racist community.