

RESOLUTION 7130

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING STIGMATIZATION, RACISM, HATE AND XENOPHOBIA AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the City of Seal Beach prides itself in providing the highest quality of service, ensuring that Seal Beach is a desirable and safe place to live, work, play, and do business; while allowing residents and visitors equal access;

WHEREAS, scientists have confirmed that COVID-19 does not respect borders and is not caused by ethnicity, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors because they can fuel ethnic discrimination; 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 services industries; and,

WHEREAS, the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has been affected by a sharp increase in violence, abhorrent acts of racism and stigmatization in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, over 3700 incidents were received by the Stop AAPI Hate reporting center from March 19, 2020 to February 28, 2021, a figure that represents only a fraction of the number of hate incidents that actually occurred, but shows how vulnerable Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are to discrimination, and the types of intolerance they face; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seal Beach specifically Leisure World is home to a large Asian American and Pacific Islander community, wherein one of its' residents was a recent victim of hate, discrimination and other acts of stigmatization; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seal Beach is committed to inclusion and advancing equity and justice for people of all races, nations, origins, and ethnicities; and, 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 SEAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY
RESOLVE:**

SECTION 1. The Seal Beach City Council strongly condemns and hereby denounces stigmatization, racism and xenophobia against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

SECTION 2. The Seal Beach City Council calls on local law enforcement to continue to work with State and Federal law enforcement officials to investigate and document all credible reports of COVID-19-related hate crimes and threats.

SECTION 3. The Seal Beach City Council joins local districts, cities, counties and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well – being of the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders community.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	_____
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	_____
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	_____
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	_____

Joe Kalmick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS
CITY OF SEAL BEACH }

I, Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk of the City of Seal Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original copy of Resolution 7130 on file in the office of the City Clerk, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of April, 2021.

Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk