



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 12, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Jill R. Ingram, City Manager

FROM: Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk

SUBJECT: **Resolution Denouncing Stigmatization, Racism, Hate, and Xenophobia Against Members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

That the City Council approve Resolution 7130 denouncing stigmatization, racism, hate and xenophobia against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Asian American and 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. Although, the COVID-19 virus is not caused by ethnicity, an increasing number of AAPIs and Asians worldwide have reported experiencing microaggression, racial profiling, hate incidents, and violence.

In a recent report, the group STOP AAPI Hate cites reports of over 3,700 anti-Asian hate incidents from March 19, 2020 to February 28, 2021 and, sadly, the City of Seal Beach has become part of this statistic.

On March 22, 2021, a Seal Beach (Leisure World) resident became the target of a hate crime after receiving an anonymous letter of hate and discrimination in their mailbox. 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; and is committed to inclusion and advancing equity and justice for people of all races, nations, origins, and ethnicities.

The proposed resolution denounces AAPI hate and reaffirms the City's support of Seal Beach's AAPI community. The City of Seal Beach joins the County of Orange, local districts and cities across the state that have adopted similar resolutions including Westminster, Monrovia, Torrance, San Mateo, and San

Carlos. We stand in solidarity with the AAPI community, other cities, states and the nation against stigmatization, racism, hate and xenophobia.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

There is no environmental impact related to this item.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

No legal analysis is required for this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact for this item.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item is not applicable to the Strategic Plan.

MEASURE BB:

This item is not applicable to Measure BB, the Seal Beach Neighborhood and Essential Services Protection Measure.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve Resolution 7130 denouncing Stigmatization, Racism, Hate and Xenophobia against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

SUBMITTED BY:

Gloria D. Harper

Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk

NOTED AND APPROVED:

Jill R. Ingram

Jill R. Ingram, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution 7130