

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**



**Resolution No. 20/21-23, Condemning the Recent Surge in Hate Crimes
Targeting Asian Americans**

WHEREAS, twenty three million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) account for seven percent of the Nation's population in the United States; and over two million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the frontlines of this COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first responders, education, transportation, supermarkets, and other essential service industries; and

WHEREAS, in Orange County, one of the first minority-majority counties in the nation, Asians are the third largest minority group and currently make up 21 percent of the county's population; and

WHEREAS, the recent rise of violence against Asian Americans is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color, we must work together to create community-centered solutions that stop the violence in all communities; and

WHEREAS, the North Orange County Community College District recognizes that past statements at the federal level have played a role in furthering anti-Asian sentiments, including references to the COVID-19 pandemic by the geographic location of its origin; and

WHEREAS, such inflammatory rhetoric is inaccurate and stigmatizing and has put AAPI persons, families, communities, and businesses at risk; and

WHEREAS, these remarks tend to incite fear and xenophobia, and have exacerbated Racism against individuals of Asian ancestry by putting them at risk of retaliation; challenges to accessing resources and services; appearing in public; and expressing their identity; and

WHEREAS, Stop AAPI Hate—a hate-incident-reporting website launched by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Chinese for Affirmative Action— has received over 3,000 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans across the U.S., with over 700+ occurring in the Bay Area, including incidents of verbal harassment, shunning, acts of vandalism, and physical violent assault including death; and

WHEREAS, despite a new Presidential Administration in office since January 2021, Asian Americans have continued to experience more horrific and senseless attacks particularly against elderly API individuals that have resulted in hospitalizations and death; and

WHEREAS, racism, discrimination, bigotry, violence, hate, and oppression have no place at the North Orange County Community College District or in our community and will not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the North Orange County Community District vehemently denounces the violence against Asian American and Pacific Islanders and wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American and Pacific

Islander students and community members and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees reaffirms that the North Orange County Community College District is a community that values diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees stands with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and calls on all citizens and leaders to join us in condemning racist attacks against Asian Americans, in all forms; commit to helping end racism through educating our communities on the rich history and culture of Asian Americans; renew our commitment to speak out against such attacks and white supremacy in general; defend and protect those targeted; and seek out and punish those who commit hate crimes against AAPI members of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the North Orange Community College District, this 25th day of May 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Stephen T. Blount, Jeffrey P. Brown, Barbara Dunsheath, Ed Lopez, Jacqueline Rodarte, Evangelina Rosales, Student Trustee Ester Plavdjian, and Student Trustee Chloe Reyes

NOES: Ryan Bent

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None



Barbara Dunsheath
Board President