

1 [Denouncing Anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander Rhetoric]

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3 **Resolution denouncing anti-Asian rhetoric and the use of racial campaign antics.**

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5 WHEREAS, Xenophobic imagery has been weaponized in the United States for over a
6 century and has often served as a prelude in triggering a culture of anti-immigrant policies and
7 practices; and

8 WHEREAS, The use of anti-Asian rhetoric and xenophobic imagery creates undue
9 harms and traumatizes the Asian American community; and

10 WHEREAS, With the expansion of social media, failing to condemn the creation,
11 development or circulation of anti-Asian depictions, particularly in light of a proliferation of anti-
12 Asian hate attacks here in San Francisco and across the country, dangerously fuels and
13 amplifies a culture of hateful sentiments; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the Stop AAPI Hate National Report, nearly 11,000 hate
15 incidents against Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) persons were reported from
16 March 19, 2020, to December 31, 2021, with California leading in the number of hate
17 incidents with 38.6 percent of all reports; and

18 WHEREAS, Chinese Americans continue to report the most hate incidents of all ethnic
19 groups at 42.8 percent, followed by Korean Americans at 16.1 percent, Filipino/a Americans
20 at 8.9 percent, Japanese Americans at 8.2 percent, and Vietnamese Americans at 8 percent,
21 with women making up 61.8 percent of all reports; and

22 WHEREAS, It is more critical now than ever to take a stand against all hateful
23 stereotypes and xenophobia, and to break the silence against racism, sexism and hate
24 incidents; and

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1 WHEREAS, One year ago, on March 16, 2021, eight Asian Americans, six of whom
2 were women, were tragically targeted as victims of a mass shooting at an Atlanta spa; and

3 WHEREAS, In reflecting on the anniversary of this hateful act of violence against the
4 Asian American community, it is essential to do more beyond remembrances and apologies in
5 order to stop the violence against our AAPI communities; and

6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has previously taken stances opposing AAPI
7 discrimination, harassment, hate, and violence and urging violence prevention, victim services
8 and support on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File Nos. 210571, 210461,
9 and 211240, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its stance against all
12 forms of AAPI violence and further denounces the use of anti-Asian rhetoric, imagery, and all
13 forms of hate; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges greater
15 investment in the AAPI community and infrastructure support to address and prevent
16 escalating incidents of racial violence, and provide support for a systems-change.

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