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I'm in favor of agenda items 20, 21, 23, 24, and 25.

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Lisa Bertolini

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From: KATHleen Latini <kail40@me.com>
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Subject: Thank you

Thank you Kim Carr and our HB City Council, for standing up for diversity and against hate. Hopefully our city will soon be known for more than hatred and divisiveness.
Kathleen Latini

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Subject: Support items 21, 24, 25, Apr. 5 CC meeting

April 1, 2021

Dear HB Councilmembers:

I support Councilmember items 21, 24 and 25, submitted for the April 5, 2021 HB City Council meeting.

Hate crimes and incidents around the country seem to have recently proliferated, and incidents within HB seem to be on the rise as well, as reported by the Human Relations Task Force.

It is important for the City to make clear that it does not tolerate hate crimes or bigotry. Extremist elements tend to congregate in HB for demonstrations, leaving an impression that the City and its residents tolerate such extremist views. And as you know, HB also has a history of hate-inspired violence.

As a result, it is vital the City continue to counter any impression that it tolerates hate groups. I believe Councilmember items 21, 24 and 25 will help accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

Dan Jamieson

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Meeting Date: 4/5/2021

Mayor Carr, Council Member Kalmick, and members of the City Council,

My comments are as a private citizen and resident of Huntington Beach.

Agenda Item No.: #21(21-289)

I applaud and urge support by the City Council on Agenda item 21.289 Submitted by Mayor Carr and Councilmember Kalmick - The City of Huntington Beach Denounces All Hate Crimes and Reaffirms Its Commitment To Safety and Inclusivity For All.

I have added a suggested addition (attached) to the declaration regarding the long history of the AAPI community in Huntington Beach, dating back to circa 1893 with Chinese laborers at the Earl Fruit Company farmland (in the area of present-day Golden West College) and the arrival of the first Japanese circa 1899-1900. This addition is based on research as a nationally recognized historian and author on local history specific to the Asian American community. It addresses the issue of the "perpetual foreigner", central to hate directed at AAPI communities and organizations. The fact that the AAPI community historically has been part of what is now Huntington Beach for over 125 years should be acknowledged.

My comments also are regarding the multi-year experience (2016-2020) of online cyber harassment and threats directed at the Historic Wintersburg preservation effort, for which there were multiple police reports and briefings of council members. Historic Wintersburg represents 110+ years of Japanese American history in Huntington Beach, <https://savingplaces.org/places/historic-wintersburg#.YGY2D9ICM9>

This ongoing public harassment included racist content and graphics that purported to target Historic Wintersburg. The reality is those involved used preservationists as a proxy to publish hateful rhetoric and images targeting Japanese Americans. There is no constructive discourse necessitating racist rhetoric, slander, and racist graphics, and to say otherwise is gaslighting. The racist rhetoric and images were widely circulated in Huntington Beach on public platforms on an almost daily basis, with orchestrated harassment on each December 7. A few of these images were shown at a special meeting of the City's Historic Resources Board in February 2018 attended by representatives of Japanese American historical organizations and preservationists. The HRB expressed concern regarding the harassment and affirmed their support of Historic Wintersburg preservation in a letter to the City Council.

Police reports were initiated in 2016. The Human Relations Task Force was briefed in August 2017 (this discussion was omitted from their minutes). Council members in office during that time period were frequently briefed. There were no known actions taken by police in response to multiple threats posted online, including implied death threats and what constitutes hate incidents. At one point, I was told by a Council member that there is a history of skinheads in Huntington Beach and that there remained some with those attitudes. There were no public actions or statements made by City officials regarding hate speech. It is saddening that it took extreme acts on a national level to generate awareness.

You are now seeing what myself and others have been telling you for some time, before the pandemic. Words can incite hateful acts and violence, and there is a direct impact to public safety.

I am glad to see this Council making a public statement and urge unanimous support of the Declaration, as a first step. Thank you for your consideration of the suggested addition to the Declaration.

Regards,
Mary Urashima
Huntington Beach, CA

Whereas, Huntington Beach is home to a vibrant and diverse community where one in eight Huntington Beach residents is of Asian or Pacific Islander descent and one in five is of Hispanic or Latino descent;

and Whereas, Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) communities including Asian immigrants are vital to the cultural richness and prosperity of Huntington Beach;

and Whereas, the history of Huntington Beach includes Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) contributions instrumental to agricultural growth, commerce, law, the arts, and faith communities dating back to the late-19th century.

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and Whereas, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric referring to the pandemic as the “Chinese Virus” or “Kung Flu” put Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) families, communities and businesses at risk for bullying, harassment and hate crimes;

and Whereas, the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19 have perpetuated anti-Asian sentiment and a surge in hate crimes and incidents against AAPIs;

and Whereas, the Orange County Human Relations Commission documented a ten-fold increase in hate crimes and incidents against AAPIs in Orange County during 2020;

and Whereas, combatting racial discrimination, harassment, and violence require the immediate attention and action of local and national policy makers and community members; and Whereas, as a nation, we must confront, at interpersonal and institutional levels, the pervasiveness of racism and its impact across communities, so that we may establish safe and inclusive communities for all;

and Whereas any act of hate against one person is an act against the community as a whole;

and Whereas Huntington Beach is no place for hate;

Resolved that the Huntington Beach City Council, on behalf of the City and all residents:

1. Denounces hate crimes, xenophobic rhetoric, racism and harassment against AAPIs and other minority communities.

2. Reaffirm our commitment to ensure that AAPIs and all residents and visitors in Huntington Beach feel safe and welcome, both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

The Huntington Beach City Council also directs the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force working with the Huntington Beach Police Department to:

1. Publish data summaries of reported hate crimes and incidents on the Task Force's website and the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion website on a quarterly basis.

2. With community stakeholder input, submit written recommendations for responding to race-based hate crimes and incidents in Huntington Beach to the City Council.

Finally, the Huntington Beach City Council supports the Orange County Board of Supervisors in providing funding to local municipalities, so they can track and monitor hate incidents as part of their Public Safety and Community Outreach budgets.