



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT**

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: KIM CARR, MAYOR AND DAN KALMICK, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: MARCH 31, 2021

SUBJECT: **THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH DENOUNCES ALL HATE CRIMES AND REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND INCLUSIVITY FOR ALL**

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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, 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.

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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.

