

RESOLUTION 21-04.028

DENOUNCING ANTI ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER ATTACKS AND DISCRIMINATION

1 Whereas, the COVID-19 crisis has led nationally to a drastic increase in anti-Asian American
2 and Pacific Islander (AAPI) attacks and deaths, with over 4,000 documented attacks since
3 March 2020 being reported by the Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center, and
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5 Whereas, there has been a long history of discrimination, restriction, and xenophobia against
6 the AAPI population as seen in the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the
7 internment of Japanese Americans in World War II, the formation of the “Asiatic-Barred Zone”
8 in the Immigration Act of 1917, the current country-level immigration quotas which lead to
9 long waitlists for AAPI immigrants, the systematic and illegal surveillance of South Asians
10 during the War on Terror, and more all document the long dark history which lead to the
11 current day AAPI attacks which must stop and education and acceptance which must start and
12 be ongoing.
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14 Whereas, AAPI Californians, who account for approximately one-third of the nation’s AAPI
15 population are vulnerable to the growing number of xenophobia-fueled attacks started by
16 former President Trump who repeatedly used the term “Chinese virus” to foment xenophobia,
17 perpetuate anti-Asian stigma, and incite conspiracies blaming Asians for creating, spreading,
18 and profiting off the virus; and as people express fears over the coronavirus through
19 xenophobic and racist violence, the increased use of anti-Asian rhetoric has resulted in an
20 alarming surge of anti-Asian bigotry and hate crimes in the U.S., and
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22 Therefore be it resolved, that the California Democratic Party unequivocally denounces and
23 condemns the many incidents of discrimination, xenophobic rhetoric, and targeting of the
24 AAPI community, and stands in solidarity with Black and Brown communities experiencing
25 the scourge of racist violence, and denounces any effort to pit communities against each other;
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28 Be it further resolved, that the California Democratic Party calls on the Biden Administration
29 and California’s elected officials to work with and advocate for the AAPI community in
30 addressing the rise in anti-AAPI violence and deaths.

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