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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT ARISING DUE TO FEARS OF THE COVID-19 PANEDEMIC AND AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific American communities are suffering acts of discrimination, hate crimes, and microaggressions due to fears of and misinformation related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, such anti-Asian rhetoric and sentiment is inaccurate and stigmatizing, tends to incite fear and xenophobia, and put the lives of Asian-Pacific Americans at risk; and

WHEREAS, since the December 2019 outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Wuhan, China, the infection has grown to more than three million confirmed cases and more than 200,000 confirmed deaths worldwide, and in the United States, over one million cases have been reported as of May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, scientists have confirmed that the COVID-19 disease does not respect borders and is not caused by ethnicity, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors because they can fuel ethnic discrimination; and

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 virus has spread, numerous Asian-Pacific Americans have reported experiencing microaggressions, racial profiling, hate incidents, and in some cases, hate violence; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to quantify and combat hate crimes targeting Asian-Pacific Americans stemming from people's reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON) and Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) established an online reporting center available at http://www.asianpacificpolicyandplanningcouncil.org/stop-aapi-hate/ where people can fill out a form (available in different languages, including English, traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese, and Korean) to report the location and type of discrimination experienced and other details; and

WHEREAS, A3PCON and CAA plan to use the information reported to create targeted education and media campaigns, provide resources to those affected, and advocate for policies to curb racial targeting; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Clara County, one of the first minority-majority counties in the nation, Asians have been the largest racial group since 2014, and currently, Asians make up nearly 38 percent of the county's population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Sunnyvale denounces xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment. The City of Sunnyvale joins cities, counties, and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of Asian-Pacific Americans and in combating hate crimes targeting Asian-Pacific Americans. The City of Sunnyvale remains committed to protecting residents and victims of hate.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
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ATTEST:

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City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED:

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney