

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-41: RESOLUTION OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ASIAN
SENTIMENT ARISING DUE TO FEARS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND
AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF
ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

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

WHEREAS, since the December 2019 outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Wuhan, China, the infection has grown to more than 600,000 confirmed cases; more than 4.4 million confirmed cases, and more than 300,000 confirmed deaths worldwide;

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, over 1.4 million confirmed cases have been reported in the United States and more than 87,000 confirmed deaths as of May 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, at a White House press conference with the Coronavirus Task Force on March 18 2020, President Trump dubbed the COVID-19 virus the “Chinese virus,” and a White House official reportedly called it “Kung Flu”;

WHEREAS, such rhetoric is inaccurate and stigmatizing, tends to incite fear and xenophobia, and may put Asian Americans at risk of retaliation;

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;

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to quantify and combat hate crimes targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders stemming from people’s reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, two Bay Area groups – Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON) and Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) – created an online reporting center where people can submit a form – currently available in English, traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese, and Korean – to report the location and type of discrimination experienced and other details;

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

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; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American community members and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District California, that:

1. The district denounces xenophobia, racism or any discrimination towards a people of color, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and members of other protected groups
2. The District joins Act To Change in sharing one vision: We envision a world where all youth, including within the AAPI community, have the opportunity to grow up feeling proud and supported in the development of their identity and sharing of their stories. We must continue to empower students by advocating for systemic change and providing resources to promote healthy communities.
3. The District denounces all incidents of xenophobia and hate against the Asian American community surrounding the COVID-19 crisis.
4. The District is committed to this important issue and encourages the public to foster dialogue, share resources, and learn more about what they can do to fight bullying.

Adopted by the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School Board of Trustees on Monday, May 18, 2020.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Sanjay Dave, President
Board of Trustees

Dr. Nellie Meyer, Superintendent