

PROCLAMATION DENOUNCING ANTI-ASIAN RACISM
March 10, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco and San Mateo County is home to diverse communities and has been for many generations; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has a history that includes support for racial and social justice for all communities; and

WHEREAS, more than one third of South San Francisco's population is of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, language that evokes xenophobia endangers our communities who are experiencing heightened discrimination; and

WHEREAS, we are disturbed and alarmed by the severity and frequency of hate crimes and race-based harassment against Asians associated with COVID-19 in South San Francisco, San Mateo County, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, no race, nationality or ethnicity is responsible for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Asian descent have contributed immeasurably to our community's development and diversity as a people; and

WHEREAS, this diverse group of people continues to lead and serve as public servants, artists, educators, activists, service men and women, scientists, and business owners in South San Francisco and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse groups in America, the Asian American community reminds us that though we all have distinct backgrounds and origins, we are bound in common purpose by our shared hopes and dreams for ourselves and our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby proclaim that racism against Asians shall not be tolerated in any form, and we stand in support of individuals and communities targeted by association with COVID-19, and we urge everyone to speak up in support of equity, justice, and inclusion.

Mark Addiego, Mayor

Mark Nagales, Vice Mayor

Buenaflor Nicolas, Councilmember

James Coleman, Councilmember

Eddie Flores, Councilmember

Dated: March 10, 2021