

## **RESOLUTION # 20-28**

### **A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Coast Community College District Denouncing Xenophobia and the Anti-Asian Sentiment Arising Due to Fears of the Covid-19 Pandemic and Affirming CCCD's 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; and

WHEREAS, since the December 2019 outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Wuhan, China, the infection has grown to more than 2.4 million confirmed cases and more than 163,000 confirmed deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, more than 750,000 cases have been confirmed in the United States as of April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, some national leaders have used divisive and inflammatory rhetoric, referring at times to the COVID-19 virus as the "Chinese virus," and "Kung-Flu"; and

WHEREAS, such rhetoric is inaccurate and stigmatizing, tends to incite fear and xenophobia, and may put Asian Americans at risk of retaliation; 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 Americans and Pacific Islanders have reported experiencing microaggressions, racial profiling, hate incidents and, in some cases, hate violence; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans represent more than 20 percent of the Orange County population and 15 percent of the Coast Community College District's service area; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Cost Community College District that:

Coast Community College District denounces xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment and does not support the rhetoric and racist remarks of some national leaders regarding the

COVID-19 virus. The District joins cities, counties, and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of Asian Americans and in combating hate crimes targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

I, Jane Burton, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Coast Community College District, hereby certify that on this day, the sixth of May in the year two thousand and twenty, this Resolution was adopted by the Board by a vote of:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

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Jane Burton  
Board Secretary