



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 21-004

**CONDEMNING THE RECENT SURGE IN HATE CRIMES
AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board passed a Resolution by unanimous vote denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment arising due to fears of COVID-19, and affirming the District's commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American and Pacific Islander students and communities; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent 10 percent of the population in San Diego County, and more than 7 percent of the student population at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges, bringing a rich cultural heritage and diversity to the region and the colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American and Pacific Islander community members and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry; and

WHEREAS, between March 19 and December 31, 2020, Stop AAPI Hate, a hate-incident reporting website launched by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning County and Chinese for Affirmative Action, received 2,808 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders across the United States, with 43.8% of those incidents occurring in California, the most of any state. The incidents included verbal harassment, shunning, denial of access to services and public spaces, and physical assault, while experts consider the true number of incidents to be much higher due to underreporting; and

WHEREAS, Stop AAPI Hate reported 29 incidents of racist incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in San Diego County, with charges filed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office in three cases; and

WHEREAS, the recent rise of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color, and community-centered solutions must be found that stop the violence in all communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board stands with the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and calls on all citizens and leaders to join us in condemning racist attacks against Asian Americans and renewing our commitment to speak out against such attacks, defend and protect those targeted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED

AYES: Adams, Cartwright, Justeson, Monroe, Schorr

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Debbie Justeson, Clerk of the Governing Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Board at the regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.



Clerk of the Governing Board