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File ID 21-502 (4-C)

RESOLUTION - Denouncing the discrimination against the Asian American communities during the COVID-19 crisis in Fresno.

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From: [Harry Xia](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: RESOLUTION - Denouncing the discrimination against the Asian American communities during the COVID-19 crisis in Fresno
Date: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 3:36:01 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Harry Xia, a community member of Fresno. I also serve as a member and board director for several local Asian organizations. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

Please vote in favor of this resolution for the safety of not just Asian Americans, but for the necessity of safety and inclusivity of all community members.

It is essential that the City of Fresno takes action to work in partnership with community-based organizations that work closely with community members to address the discrimination and violence against Asian Americans and all people of color by providing services that are culturally responsive and accessible in promoting their wellness and safety.

This resolution is important to me because Asia communities are facing unique challenges during the pandemic. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment but for future generations to come as well.

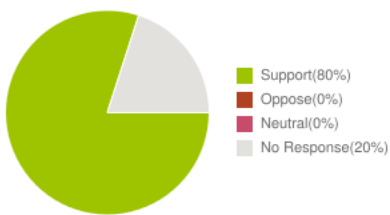
Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Regards,

Harry Xia

Agenda Item: eComments for 4-C ID 21-502 RESOLUTION - Denouncing the discrimination against the Asian American communities during the COVID-19 crisis in Fresno.

Overall Sentiment



Jeremiah Sataraka

Location: 93703, Fresno
Submitted At: 12:48pm 04-07-21

My name is Jeremiah and I am a Korean-Samoan American who works in Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

This resolution is important to me because as an Asian American the recent rise of anti-Asian violence has brought fear and physical violence to my community. I remain fearful and anxious when I'm in public because I don't want to be attacked. I also live in fear for my mother, who is much older. Elected officials play a huge role in providing safe spaces for all communities, and this resolution is an important first step towards that direction. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment but for future generations to come as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Vang Her

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 04-07-21

My name is Vang Her and I am a Hmong-American community member of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment but for future generations to come as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Christina Vang

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07am 04-07-21

My name is Christina Vang and I am a Hmong-American community member of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment but for future generations to come as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Xayaphone Salinthone

Location: 93727, Fresno

Submitted At: 1:52am 04-07-21

Good morning Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers. My name is Xayaphone Salinthone, I am with the Lao Student Association and Hmong Innovating Politics (HIP) of Fresno. I am representing myself as a Laotian-American community member. I ask you to vote in favor of this resolution because this ensures the safety and wellbeing of the Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported. It is essential that the City of Fresno takes action to work in partnership with community-based organizations that work closely with community members to address the discrimination and violence against Asian Americans and all people of color by providing services that are culturally responsive and accessible in promoting their wellness and safety.

Please vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and inclusivity of all communities in Fresno.

George Yang

Location: 93727, Fresno

Submitted At: 11:11pm 04-06-21

My name is George Yang, and I'm a public health worker of our community. I want to thank you all for your hard work in our community. I'm writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution on behalf of every community in Fresno.

This resolution is important to me because I grew up on the streets of Fresno and have witness incidences of violence and racism throughout my life. Often, there isn't a way for the victim to voice their concerns due to language and cultural barriers. This resolution is one of the first few steps that the city can take in making sure that all community members are heard and supported.

Additionally, the city must work with community-based organizations. These organizations are trusted by our community members and are a reliable way to work with the community you all love and serve. These organizations understand the existing barriers, issues, and potential solutions to problems in the community.

Lastly, from a public health perspective, it's imperative that the city work to establish disaggregated data on Asian Americans and move away from the notion that Asian Americans have a monolithic culture. Multiple health and sociological studies have concluded that disaggregated helps shed light on issues and system issues often overshadowed when Asian Americans are clumped together. Disaggregated is needed, and disaggregated data starts with your vote of support for resolutions like this.

Joy Yang

Location:

Submitted At: 10:23pm 04-06-21

My name is Joy Yang and I am a community member of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Shai Chang

Location: 93727, Fresno

Submitted At: 9:42pm 04-06-21

Good afternoon Mayor Dyer and city councilmembers. My name is Shai, I am with Hmong Innovating Politics (HIP) and am representing myself as Hmong-American community member.

Thank you to the councilmembers who helped support this initiative from the collaborative Asian American organizations. This is a great step in bringing our city together by addressing systemic racism that is rooted in the oppression and unvoiced violence that many Asian Americans in Fresno have faced. I am writing today to urge you all to invest in working with the community based organizations that have been working with community members who have experienced racial violence or hate incidents. The city needs to provide services that are culturally responsive and find ways to support data disaggregation for Fresno's Asian communities that would better support its Southeast Asian communities. Each group has their own struggle with disparity and racial inequities that also needs to be addressed if we are to move forward together as a city to reach collective racial equity. Please vote in favor of this resolution for the safety of not just Asian Americans, but for the initiation of safety and inclusivity of all community members.

Thank you for your consideration

Kathy Vue

Location: 93727, Fresno

Submitted At: 8:35pm 04-06-21

My name is Kathy and I am a concerned advocate of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

This resolution is important to me because everyone deserves the right to be safe in their home and city. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment, but for future generations to come as well.

It is essential that the City of Fresno takes action to work in partnership with community-based organizations that work closely with community members to address the discrimination and violence against Asian Americans and all people of color by providing services that are culturally responsive and accessible in promoting their wellness and safety. Please vote in favor of this resolution for the safety of not just Asian Americans, but for the necessity of safety and inclusivity of all community members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Penny Shapiro

Location: 93704, Fresno

Submitted At: 7:21pm 04-06-21

I support the legislation denouncing the discrimination against Asians, Asian Americans, and any other group being singled out due to ignorance and fear. We must stand together as a community and support each other.

Matthew Vang

Location: 93737, Fresno

Submitted At: 7:06pm 04-02-21

Good afternoon Mayor Dyer and city councilmembers. My name is Matthew, I am with Hmong Innovating Politics (HIP) and am representing myself as Hmong-American community member.

Thank you to the councilmembers who helped support this initiative from the collaborative Asian American organizations. This is a great step in bringing our city together by addressing systemic racism that is rooted in the oppression and unvoiced violence that many Asian Americans in Fresno have faced. I am writing today to urge you all to invest in working with the community based organizations that have been working with community members who have experienced racial violence or hate incidents. The city needs to provide services that are culturally responsive and find ways to support data disaggregation for Fresno's Asian communities that would better support its Southeast Asian communities. Each group has their own struggle with disparity and racial inequities that also needs to be addressed if we are to move forward together as a city to reach collective racial equity. Please vote in favor of this resolution for the safety of not just Asian Americans, but for the initiation of safety and inclusivity of all community members.

Thank you for your consideration

Bernard Canez

From: Harry Xia <hxiacsu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: RESOLUTION - Denouncing the discrimination against the Asian American communities during the COVID-19 crisis in Fresno

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Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Regards,

Harry Xia

Bernard Canez

From: Kao Lao <k.cheng.lao@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 5:06 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting 4/8/2021, Item Number: 4-C ID 21-502

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My name is Kaocheng and I am a community member of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

This resolution is important to me because the recent physical and emotional attacks and taunts towards Asian descents is no doubt traumatizing and heightens my fear of family, friends, and myself being attacked or killed. Fresno City is a city that other Fresno County city councilmembers look up to and passing this resolution can lead to other cities following Fresno City's footsteps. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment, but for future generations to come as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Kao Cheng Lao
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Bernard Canez

From: jos m <magno.josesg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 6:59 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Public comment for city council meeting Asian American resolution

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My name is Joses Magno I am a citizen of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

This resolution is important to me because all residents of Fresno deserve to feel safe. The culturally responsive component of this resolution is extremely important and should not mean that the police are the answer to everything. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment, but for future generations to come as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Bernard Canez

From: John Her <johndh@mail.fresnostate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 7:40 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting 4/8/2021, Item Number: 4-C ID 21-502

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Hello Mayor Dyer and city councilmembers. My name is John Her and I am a community member of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

This resolution is important to me because it will provide the resources to create a more unified community. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment, but for future generations to come as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

John Her

Bernard Canez

From: Jason Vang <jasonvajvang@mail.fresnostate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 8:59 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting 4/8/2021, Item Number: 4-C ID 21-502

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My name is Jason Vang and I am a concerned advocate of Fresno. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno.

This resolution is important to me because of those who I am surrounded by. This Asian American resolution is a step the city can take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment, but for future generations to come as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Jason Vang (he/him/his)
ASI Senator of Sustainability (asi_sen_sustainability@mail.fresnostate.edu)
BOND Instructional Student Assistant
College of Science and Math
California State University, Fresno

Bernard Canez

From: Xiong Lee <xionglee08@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:56 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting 4/8/2021, Item Number: 4-C ID 21-502

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Hi,

My name is Xiong Lee and I am a constituent of Fresno.

The City Council Members and Mayor need to approve this resolution for the safety and wellbeing of Asian communities and all communities in Fresno. This resolution is important to me because it will signal to the Fresno communities that we do not stand for hate.

The Asian American resolution is a step the city needs to take in making sure that Asian community members are heard and supported not only in this moment, but for future generations. It is also essential that the City of Fresno takes action to work in partnership with community based organizations that work closely with community members to address the discrimination and violence against Asian Americans, Black, Brown, and all people of color by providing services that are culturally responsive and accessible in promoting their wellness and safety.

Vote in favor of this resolution for the safety of not just Asian Americans, but for the necessity of safety and inclusivity of all community members!

Thank you,
Xiong