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RESOLUTION REGARDING ANTI-ASIAN RACISM AND VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Moorpark College (ASMC) Board of Directors acknowledges and condemns the dramatic rise of racism, violence, harassment, oppression, and discrimination against the Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi American (APIDA) communities that have occurred during the COVID 19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, such acts including the March 16 attack in Atlanta Georgia where we lost the lives of Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Yong Ae Yue, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, and Paul Andre Michels, numerous reported assaults against elderly Asian Americans in New York and the Bay Area, and the 3,800 reported incidents of assaults against Asian Americans in the past year provide evidence for the unsafe living conditions of the APIDA communities¹;

WHEREAS, hate crimes against Asian Americans have spiked by 149% between 2019 and 2020 even though overall hate crime totals have dropped by 7% during the same time period²;

WHEREAS, the onset of the coronavirus has sparked a tremendous increase of microaggressions, use of racial slurs, and exclusionary behavior against Asian Americans³;

WHEREAS, the ASMC Board of Directors recognizes the suffering and emotional damage recently endured by its students within the APIDA community⁴;

WHEREAS, the ASMC Board of Directors acknowledges the discrimination APIDA communities have faced since prior to the pandemic, including xenophobia, oversexualization of APIDA women, and perpetuation of the "model minority" myth that economically and intellectually exploits Asian Americans and²;

WHEREAS, the history of racist and xenophobic attitudes toward APIDA communities is often absent in the present discourse of race relations in the United States. Members of APIDA

communities continue to struggle with oppression and being casted as perpetual foreigners onset by the US' colonization of Asian and Pacific Islander nations along with several discriminatory policies: 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, the Gentleman's Agreement of 1907, the 1934 Tydings-McDuffie Act, and the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II²;

WHEREAS, that the ASMC Board of Directors confirms that the violence and events fueled by Anti-Asian racism can be traumatic and lead to mental health implications for Moorpark College's APIDA students and considers this as an educational barrier;

WHEREAS, that the ASMC Board of Directors reaffirms its commitment to serving our students of color and exercising its role in affirming anti-racism through racial equity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to demonstrate support of and commitment to its APIDA students, the ASMC Board of Directors calls upon Moorpark College to use its resources to bring awareness to this humanitarian issue;

RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors calls upon Moorpark College to educate its student body on the historical and current incidents that have negatively affected the APIDA communities through various means such as curriculum, forums, and webinars in order to amplify the voices of students, faculty and staff of APIDA heritage;

RESOLVED, that the ASMC Board of Directors will call upon Moorpark College to facilitate bystander intervention training opportunities for the student body to gain knowledge in reacting appropriately for violent situations that may occur around them;

RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors requests that the Moorpark College student body and faculty will contact the Moorpark College Police Station at (805) 378-1455 to aid in violent situations on campus and report hate crimes and anti-Asian hate incidents at <https://stopaapihate.org/>⁵;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors advocates for Moorpark College increase APIDA representation among faculty, staff, and administrators;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, that the ASMC Board of Directors will collaborate with Moorpark College's student services (counselors, library, EOPS, Student Health Services, and others) in providing a safe space for students to address their traumas and receive proper support in order to produce an equal and comfortable academic environment;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the ASMC Board of Directors will utilize its resources to enforce appropriate consequences for racist and discriminatory behavior at Moorpark College;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the ASMC Board of Directors will utilize its outreach (social media, Canvas, and on campus) to provide the students of Moorpark College awareness of Anti-Asian violence and racism and information on how to make a positive change⁶.

Citations:

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 4. <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2021/2/18/student-leaders-react-to-increase-in-hate-crimes/>
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Board Vote: 10-0-0; passed unanimously



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