

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2271-1

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education was one of the first Bay Area county office boards to unanimously pass a resolution in support of denouncing xenophobia due to fears of the COVID-19 pandemic and affirming the Board's commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American staff and students on May 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education renews its commitment to the safety and well-being of all ethnic populations, including Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area has seen an increase of physical attacks on its Asian American community members, many of whom are elderly. Hate crimes are on the rise during the COVID-19 pandemic, with Santa Clara County seeing its highest incidents in 2020 in a decade; and

WHEREAS, the reporting center Stop AAPI Hate has chronicled at least 2,800 hate incidents against Asian Americans since March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Clara County, one of the first minority-majority counties in the nation, Asians have been the largest racial group since 2014, and currently, Asians make up nearly 38 percent of the county's population; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed on February 23, 2021 the larger AB 85 pandemic budget bill, which includes \$1.4 million earmarked for researchers at the Asian American Studies Center at the University of California Los Angeles and the Stop AAPI Hate reporting center; and

WHEREAS, the San Jose City Council has approved Councilmember Raul Perez's plan of combating xenophobia, and city leaders have committed to hosting community listening sessions, plan safety workshops, and partner with the district attorney's office on efforts to address hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting all students and public school success; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Superintendent of Schools and the Santa Clara County Board of Education reaffirm its support of and stand together with our Asian American community members, promote their overall safety and well-being, and denounces hate crimes of any nature.

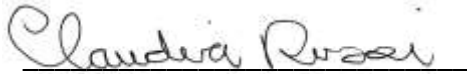
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on March 3, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President King, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah and Ortiz

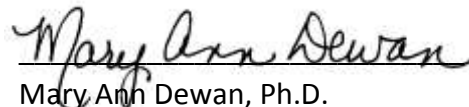
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools