



**SAN JOSÉ-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION No. 041420-5**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SAN JOSE – EVERGREEN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-
ASIAN SENTIMENT ARISING DUE TO FEARS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND
AFFIRMING SJECCD'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 1.5 million confirmed cases and more than 90,000 confirmed deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, more than 430,000 cases have been reported in the United States as of April 9, 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, 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, the San Jose – Evergreen 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 San Jose – Evergreen Community College District that:

San Jose – Evergreen 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.

Presented on this 14th day of April, 2020

Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland
Board Secretary

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