

RESOLUTION NO. 20/21-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
CONDEMNING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT ARISING DUE TO
FEARS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND AFFIRMING PCCD'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 2.68 million confirmed cases and more than 187,000 confirmed deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), more than 828,441 cases resulting in 48,900 deaths have been reported in the United States as of April 22, 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 Alameda County, one of the first minority-majority counties in the nation, Asians have been the largest racial group since 2018, and currently, Asians make up nearly 32 percent of the county's population; and

WHEREAS, the Peralta 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 the Peralta Community College District that:


Peralta 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.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2021, by vote of the Board of Trustees:

AYES: Nicky Gonzalez Yuen, Linda Handy, Cindi Napoli-Abella Reis, Bill Withrow, Kevin Jenkins, Dyana Delfin-Polk, (Yiru Ni/Student/Advisory Vote)

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:


Cynthia Napoli-Abella Reis (Mar 24, 2021 21:50 PDT)

President, Board of Trustees
Peralta Community College District

Attested to:


Sasha Amiri-Nair (Mar 25, 2021 05:47 PDT)

Clerk, Board of Trustees
Peralta Community College District