



March 22, 2021

Palo Alto City Council
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Reference: Meeting March 22, 2021, Item 7 Colleagues' Memo: Discussion and Adoption of a Resolution Denouncing, Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the City of Palo Alto

Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice Mayor Burt and Palo Alto City Council,

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto supports the adoption of a resolution proposed to stop Asian hate in Palo Alto.

Below is the announcement from the State League to Stop Asian Hate and End White Supremacy released last week:

The League of Women Voters of California condemns all xenophobic and hateful acts targeting Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. We stand in solidarity with, and in support of AAPI communities in calling for an end to anti-Asian hate and violence.

No person, or group of people, should have to live in fear because of who they are. Our hearts are with the loved ones of those lost in Atlanta. We stand with AAPI people everywhere who are experiencing fear, sadness, loss, and anger as they are impacted by not only the domestic terror attack in Atlanta, but the attacks on AAPI communities everywhere. No one should have to live in fear because of who they are.

The tragic murders in Atlanta punctuate an increase in anti-Asian violence and hate we have seen across the country. Systemic racism and white supremacy in the US are not bound by state or city lines - they are everywhere. California is no exception; anti-Asian hate crimes within California have been on the rise. It is the responsibility of allies everywhere to vocally denounce hate, violence, and xenophobia and actively work to dismantle the systems of racism and white supremacy that have perpetuated these attitudes and actions in our country.

The League of Women Voters of the United States stated, "We are committed to listening to and amplifying AAPI voices and educating ourselves on the historic and ongoing systemic racism that plagues this country so that we can be better allies.



We urge our followers to do the same, and to call on elected and appointed officials at all levels of government to demonstrate their commitment to keeping ALL communities safe.”

Please visit StopAAPIHate.org and be part of the solution. There can be no liberty in the face of racist and xenophobic violence. #StopAsianHate

In solidarity,

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Stephanie Doute, CAE, Executive Director
League of Women Voters of California

Thank you for giving our city the opportunity to support the vision of an inclusive community and denounce racial hate to keep Palo Alto civil, progressive and equitable for all.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Shepherd
President