## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS DENOUNCING INTIMIDATION, AGGRESSION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2017, the City of Los Altos adopted a resolution affirming the City's Commitment to a Diverse, Supportive, Inclusive and Protective Community, which was reaffirmed on February 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the City of Los Altos adopted a resolution denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment arising at the start of the COVID- 19 pandemic and affirming its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American communities: and

WHEREAS, over the last 6 months, there has been a recent surge in reported attacks against Asian Americans in the Bay Area, some notable for their violence and cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the recent rise of violence against Asian Americans is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color, and we must work together to stop the violence and to promote safety and a sense of security in all communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American and Pacific Islander community members and ensure they know they are not alone and that we stand with them against racism, hate and bigotry; and encourage anyone who is a victim or a witness, to report it to law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Altos and the Los Altos City Council stand with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and call on all constituents and leaders to join us in condemning racist attacks against Asian Americans, in all forms, and renewing our commitment to speak out against racism and to defend and protect those targeted, and seek out and punish those who commit hate crimes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

vote:

AYES:

Council Members Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor

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NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Andrea Chelemengos, MMC, CITY CLER

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Attest:

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