

CITY OF FAIRFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-60

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES,
ATTACKS, AND ATTITUDES AGAINST ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a public health emergency that has caused devastating effects throughout the world and across political and social boundaries, and was not created or caused by any race, nationality, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization recognizes that public health emergencies often lead to stigma, demonization, discrimination and scapegoating towards certain communities and groups; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes targeting Asian-American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) increased by nearly 150 percent in major cities in the last year and 44 percent of the incidents reported to Stop AAPI Hate are from California; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders have been facing bias incidents such as verbal harassment, physical assault, job discrimination, and destruction of their businesses as they are being blamed for the outbreak and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, three deadly shootings targeted Asian-American businesses in Atlanta, GA on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, violent attacks have particularly intensified against Asian senior citizens and such xenophobia and discrimination can have a range of adverse physical and mental health consequences for stigmatized groups and their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the City of Fairfield will not tolerate xenophobia and condemns the rise in hate crimes, attacks, and attitudes against Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities.

Section 2. That the City of Fairfield urges residents to join in calling attention to this unacceptable conduct and denouncing hate to help keep us all safe during this pandemic and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: PRICE / BERTANI / MOY / PANDURO / TIMM / TONNESEN / VACCARO

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK