

## SBCCD Academic Senates | Resolution SP21.01

## Condemning Anti-Asian Racism and Violence

Whereas, since March 2020, the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, acts of racism and violence against Asians and Asian Americans increased 145%<sup>1</sup> nationwide<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, this increase in hate crimes against Asians and Asian Americans is in addition to the persistent, historical anti-Asian xenophobia that has continuously worked to harm, segregate, and stigmatize Asian Americans;

Whereas, colleges and higher education institutions such as the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) perpetuate the Model Minority Myth, reinforcing the invisibility and both purposeful and passive neglect of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities;

Whereas, silence on the part of observers condones violent, racist, and hateful speech and acts;

Resolved, the faculty of SBCCD condemn acts of racism, violence, and hate towards Asians and Asian Americans and works to actively support and defend those who have been harmed by all forms of anti-Asian discrimination and attacks;

Resolved, the faculty of SBCCD acknowledge the current reality of systemic racism and anti-Asian violence in our community and vows to ensure that our District becomes a welcoming space of inclusivity for people of Asian descent;

Resolved, the faculty of SBCCD encourage advocacy through collaborative efforts with the District to protect and support members of the AAPI community on our campus; and

Resolved, the SBCCD Academic Senates pledge that as faculty leaders, we will work determinedly towards transforming SBCCD so that all stakeholders are empowered to take anti-racist action to build a better future for our students, our campus, and our communities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In America's largest cities: <u>https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/FACT%20SHEET-%20Anti-Asian%20Hate%202020%20rev%203.21.21.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://stopaapihate.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Stop-AAPI-Hate-Report-National-210506.pdf