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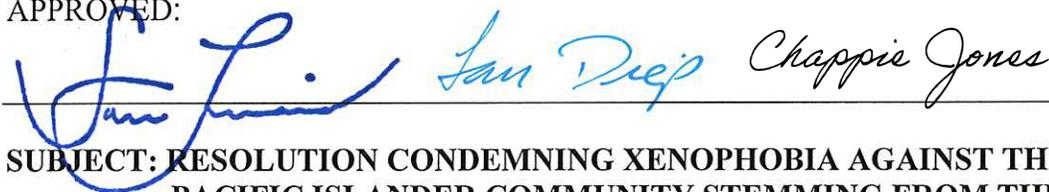
TO: HONORABLE CITY
COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
Vice Mayor Chappie Jones
Councilmember Lan Diep

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW
Digital Signature

DATE: April 14, 2020

APPROVED:

 DATE: 4/14/20

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CONDEMNING XENOPHOBIA AGAINST THE ASIAN
PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY STEMMING FROM THE COVID-19
CRISIS AND RELATED ACTIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept recommendation #1 to adopt a resolution condemning all xenophobic and discriminatory behavior towards the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Community arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and affirm the well-being and safety of the API community
2. Amend recommendation #2 to direct the City Manager to solicit recommendations from community-based and social justice organizations to inform the City's strategies to combat xenophobia related to COVID-19.

BACKGROUND

We appreciate the importance of condemning xenophobic behavior towards the API community, and of identifying concrete, actionable steps that we can take to combat COVID-19 related xenophobia in our city. Community-based organizations typically have the most in-depth experience and knowledge in the issue area, however, and given the very limited bandwidth of City Staff during this pandemic, we believe that those organizations can better survey the options available to the City. We encourage City staff to solicit recommendations from community-based organizations that submitted letters in support of this resolution—the Asian Law Alliance, Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Silicon Valley Asian Pacific Islander Justice Coalition, The Health Trust, La Raza Roundtable—and others to leverage community expertise. We must vigilantly avoid burdening City staff at a time when they must remain focused on critical tasks, such as the provision of more than 350,000 daily meals to community members, moving hundreds of homeless residents to safety, and other COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.