RESOLUTION # 21-19 A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Coast Community College District to Condemn Anti-Asian Racism and Commit to Action

WHEREAS, violence, threats of violence, and acts of discrimination continue to target the Asian and Asian-American community and others throughout the country, resulting in the tragic loss of life, and particularly placing the elderly and vulnerable at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Community College District joined colleges and organizations across the country in denouncing anti-Asian xenophobia in May of 2020, through the adoption of Resolution #20-28, and reiterates the entirety of that Resolution and of Resolution #20-45 on racial injustice adopted in June of 2020; and

WHEREAS, people of color and English-language learners in this country are disproportionately deprived of adequate health care and economic opportunity, leading to even deeper losses in our minority communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting unemployment; and

WHEREAS, all people are deserving of access to the benefits of a just society without fear of hate-based violence and discrimination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coast Community College District is shocked and saddened by recent deaths following hate-driven attacks, and further condemns violence and discrimination targeting the Asian and Asian-American community; and

RESOLVED, that the District rejects any language that associates the ongoing public health crisis with a particular national or ethnic group, recognizing that discriminatory language is counterproductive to defeating a virus that observes no national or ethnic boundaries; and

RESOLVED, that the District will continue its ongoing program of equity advocacy designed to create a dialogue of compassion and understanding that brings to life the District vision for a community that is culturally engaged and globally aware; and

RESOLVED, that the District recommits itself to supporting equitable access to education, financial aid, housing and food resources, health services and advice, and other fundamental resources necessary for the resiliency of all our communities.

I, Jane Burton, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Coast Community College District, hereby certify that on March 3, 2021, this Resolution was adopted by the Board by a vote of:

Aye:

Trustees Grant, Hornbuckle, Moreno, Patterson and Prinsky

No:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Jane Burton, Secretary of the Board

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