

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Resolution No. 63-2021**  
**Resolution Condemning Anti-Asian Hate and Violence**

**WHEREAS**, the West Contra Costa Unified School District has taken a strong stand condemning racist incidents of hate against all people as codified in Resolution No. 104-1920 –passed unanimously; and

**WHEREAS**, as a community, WCCUSD has zero tolerance for hate incidents against any racial or ethnic group; and

**WHEREAS**, while the pandemic’s long-lasting impact has affected public health and the economy, the Asian-American community has also experienced the fallout of Covid-19, being unfairly blamed for the pandemic and becoming the target of discrimination and violence; and

**WHEREAS**, South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Middle Eastern communities all faced a surge in recurring harassment and violence in the wake of 9-11 and after the election of Donald Trump; and

**WHEREAS**, since the onset of the pandemic, anti-Asian hate incidents have been primarily directed at East Asians with more than 2,500 reports of anti-Asian hate incidents related to Covid-19 between March and September 2020, nationally. And this number understates the actual number of anti-Asian hate incidents because most incidents are not reported; and

**WHEREAS**, California leads the nation in numbers of anti-Asian hate incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Bay Area there has been a surge of violent assaults and attacks on Asian American elders, including an assault against a 91-year old man who was shoved violently into a cement sidewalk in Oakland’s Chinatown on January 31, 2021 and an earlier fatal assault on an elderly Asian man in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization, Stop AAPI Hate, reports that, “Chinese made up the ethnic group most often targeted, making up 40.7% of incidents. Asian Americans as a whole, though, are being racially profiled and attacked. Koreans (15.1%); Vietnamese (8.2%) and Filipinos (7.2%) have also faced COVID-19 discrimination in high numbers.”; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2021 eight woman were killed in Atlanta, six of them Asian-Americans targeted due to their ethnic background.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education condemns all racist verbal and physical assaults against Pacific Islanders, East Asians, Asian Americans, and anyone else being targeted by these hateful crimes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education encourages residents, staff, families and students to speak up, and intervene if possible, when witnessing anyone being targeted by anti-Asian hate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education encourages everyone especially our educators, administrators and families to join us in creating spaces to have conversations with our students on this issue, build community and solidarity to address root causes of hate and violence.

AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NOES \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board of Education of the West Contra Costa Unified School District held on March 24, 2021.

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Matthew Duffy  
Secretary, Board of Education