**Resolution to Act Now on Anti-Asian Violence**

**WHEREAS**former President Trump,since the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, used rallies and press conferences to blame the virus’ spread on people of Asian descent by repeatedly and purposely calling COVID-19 the “China virus” and/or “kung-flu”; and

**WHEREAS**, since the start of the pandemic, nearly 3000 incidents of anti-Asian violence across all 50 states have been reported to the [Stop AAPI Hate](https://stopaapihate.org) website, including assaults on vulnerable, elderly Asians, some of which have resulted in the death or permanent maiming of victims; and

**WHEREAS** racial violence has, sadly, been weaponized against Asian persons throughout U.S. history, including the lynching of eighteen Chinese immigrant laborers in Los Angeles in 1871 (the largest mass lynching ever in America), and the expulsion of Chinese immigrant laborers during riots in Tacoma (1885) and Seattle (1886); and

**WHEREAS** the recent increase in anti-Asian violence has also reached the Seattle area, according to data reported by the Seattle Police Department and the King County Prosecutor’s office; indeed, the Chinese Information and Service Center has logged nearly 400 reports of hate and bias incidents in King County since spring of 2020; and

**WHEREAS** Asians are the fastest-growing racial group in the U.S. and a key voting bloc, as demonstrated during the recent U.S. Senate elections in Georgia; while King County is nearly 20% Asian, and in some King County cities the Asian demographic is over 30%; and

**WHEREAS** both President Biden and Governor Jay Inslee have issued statements condemning the spike in anti-Asian violence during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**that we call upon the various City Councils within King County to acknowledge, during this May’s Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the many contributions of our Asian community, and to ensure that there is no place for hate crimes against any persons in their cities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**that we call on the King County Sheriff’s office to track and respond to reports of racial violence, and to work with immigrant communities to assure that its responses are culturally and linguistically sensitive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**that we call on each school district within King County to raise awareness regarding anti-Asian taunting, to firmly discourage it, and to have resources available to address the resultant physical, mental and emotional stress upon Asian youth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**that we Democrats stand in solidarity with the Asian community and all people of color against racial violence, and we acknowledge that anti-racism work must begin at the local level in our communities and our schools.

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