



Commissioner Adrian Garcia

Harris County Precinct 2

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March 23, 2021

AGENDA ITEM

Commissioner's Court
Harris County Administrative Building
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, Texas 77022

Dear Court Members:

Please consider the following item for the March 30, 2021 Commissioners Court agenda.

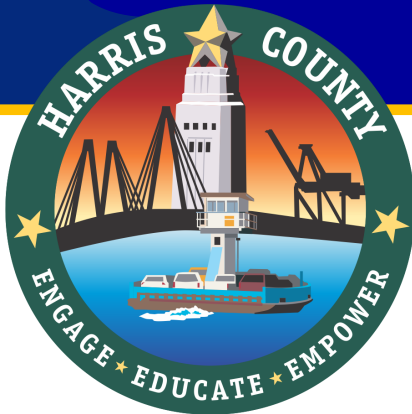
Harris County Precinct Two requests approval of a resolution condemning hate crimes committed against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders in our community.

Your consideration and approval of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Adrian Garcia
Commissioner

Enclosure



RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** *members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community have faced racism, prejudice and xenophobia for centuries in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS,** *known facts pertaining to the murders of eight people in Atlanta in March 2021, including six Asian American women, strongly indicate that the legacy of racism against people in the AAPI community, particularly against AAPI women, played a significant role in those deaths; and*
- WHEREAS,** *beginning with the first cases of COVID-19 our country has seen a sharp increase in the number of attacks against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), with more than 3,800 hate incidents recorded in the last year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in the Houston area many Asian American-owned businesses have been targeted and struck by vandalism, suffering damages and loss of business; and*
- WHEREAS,** *there are increased reports of assaults, harassment and hate crimes against those of Asian descent, with a higher number of these attacks against Asian American women as well as the elderly, and youth under age 21; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in addition to the health challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are facing more acts of violence, hatred, discrimination and economic insecurity, causing increased pain and fear in the activities of daily life;*

BE IT RESOLVED, *that Harris County Commissioners Court condemns all forms of racism, discrimination, hatred, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and will work to take affirmative steps to end racism against the AAPI community.*

ADOPTED *on this 30th day of March 2021.*

Lina Hidalgo
County Judge

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Adrian Garcia
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.
Commissioner, Precinct 3

R. Jack Cagle
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest:

Teneshia Hudspeth
County Clerk