

SONOMA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution in Support of Solidarity with the Asian American Pacific Islander Communities and Denouncing Anti-Asian Racism/Violence

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7-21

WHEREAS, the values of Santa Rosa Junior College include diversity that “supports honesty and integrity in an environment of collegiality and mutual respect,” and compassion that includes “civic engagement opportunities that contribute to real world problem solving,” and “empathy to identify the challenges and address the needs of others;” and

WHEREAS, the mission of Santa Rosa Junior College is to cultivate learning through the creative, intellectual, physical, social, emotional, aesthetic and ethical development of our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) students comprise 5% of Santa Rosa Junior College’s student population and 7% of its employee workforce, including the first AAPI president in the history of the college; and

WHEREAS, AAPI community members have been part of the rich ethnic diversity of Sonoma County and have contributed greatly to the economic and cultural vibrancy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the AAPI population has faced historical and structural racism in both Sonoma County and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the recent epidemic of COVID-19 has been falsely blamed on AAPI individuals and mis-characterized as the “China Flu;” and

WHEREAS, the number of AAPI hate crimes have been steadily increasing in the United States and in local communities in San Francisco, Oakland and the greater Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the president, vice presidents, departments, campus organizations and numerous individuals at Santa Rosa Junior College have expressed their commitment to solidarity with AAPI students, colleagues and community members in calling for change.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sonoma County Junior College District Board of Trustees joins APISA in condemning these acts of violence and stands in solidarity with AAPI students, college employees and community members and commits to dedicate its resources to educating the college community of the common humanity that we share and promoting peaceful means to communicate and interact with one another; and

RESOLVED, that the Sonoma County Junior College District Board of Trustees supports open and respectful dialogue that allows learning the diverse history and culture of AAPI, including the historic oppression of AAPI in the US.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Trustee Martinez, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Burns, and adopted on a roll call vote 03/09/2021, by the following vote:

Student Trustee – Jocelyn Toscano*	aye
Trustee Caroline Banuelos	aye
Trustee Dorothy Battenfeld	aye
Trustee Jordan Burns	aye
Trustee Maggie Fishman	aye
Trustee Jeff Kunde	aye
Trustee W. Terry Lindley	aye
Trustee Mariana Martinez	aye

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Absent/Abstaining: 0

*Student Trustee – Advisory Vote

Secretary to the Board of Trustees


