

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

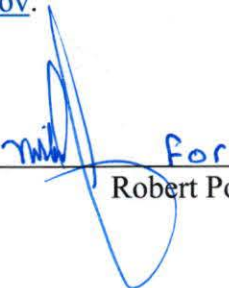
DATE: April 2, 2021

FROM: General Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Condemning Violence Against the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community

At the request of Director Li, attached is a resolution condemning the rise in violence against the the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. The resolution will be presented for consideration at the Board of Directors meeting on April 8, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Maceo Wiggins, Director of the Office of Civil Rights, at (510) 464-7194 or mwiggin@bart.gov.

 for

Robert Powers

cc: Board Appointed Officers
Deputy General Manager
Executive Staff

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit
District Condemning Violence Against the
Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI)
Community**

Resolution No.: _____

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area region made up of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Francisco counties represents the BART Service Area; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District provides transportation and mobility services to residents and visitors to the San Francisco Bay Area and the BART Service Area; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2017, the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District adopted the District's Safe Transit Policy which ensures an inviting, equitable, and safe community for everyone who use our system or works for the District and reaffirmed our commitment to stand together with the people of the Bay Area in opposing hate, violence, and acts of intolerance committed against our riding community and employees; and

WHEREAS, the BART Service Area is one of the most diverse regions in the United States, where the AAPI community represents 33% of the population of the BART Service Area, 25% of our workforce and 32% of our pre-pandemic ridership; and

WHEREAS, our country has a history of government and institutionalized discrimination and racism towards the AAPI community and other people of color including, but not limited to, the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, the Internment of Japanese Americans during World War Two and more recently, attempts to blame the COVID-19 pandemic on the AAPI community; and

WHEREAS, the group Stop AAPI Hate has compiled data which indicates that between March 2020 and February 2021, nearly 3,800 incidents of discriminatory acts, hate speech and violence against the AAPI community have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District specifically cites the murder of six (6) members of the AAPI community in the March 16, 2021 mass shooting in Atlanta, Georgia, the recent attacks on members of the AAPI community occurring in the BART Service Area and the nationwide increase of anti-AAPI hate speech; and

WHEREAS the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District values the lives of all members of our community; and

WHEREAS all moral and upstanding members of our society have a duty to confront and condemn racism and discrimination in all its forms including, but not limited to, hate speech, negative stereotypes and attacks against members of our AAPI communities, other communities of color and the LGBTQ community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the recent and unacceptable attacks on members of the AAPI community and the rise in anti-AAPI hate speech, which are contrary to the goal of a diverse, inclusive society that respects and values all its members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District recognizes that systemic and institutionalized racism impacts all communities of color in our society and we condemn it in all its forms including the “model minority” myth and other racist stereotypes that negatively impact our communities of color; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District stands with members of our communities experiencing violence, discrimination, and racism of any kind including, but not limited to, the AAPI community, all people of color and the LGBTQ community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District calls upon all other public agencies, community leaders and elected officials to condemn attacks against the AAPI community, the rise of anti-AAPI hate speech, systemic and institutional racism and discrimination of any kind as unacceptable and abhorrent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District reaffirms its ongoing commitment to ensure that members of our community with limited English proficiency continue to have equitable access to our system and its amenities in all areas of our service including, but not limited to our progressive policing activities, outreach and community engagement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

DISTRICT SECRETARY