

Resolution in Solidarity with our Asian American and Pacific Islander Community

(WCC Academic Senate Resolution 21-01)

Whereas, fostering an inclusive environment for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, orientation, place of origin or religion, is a core value embraced by the faculty of Woodland Community College (WCC); and

Whereas, more than one of every eight WCC students are of Asian or Pacific Islander descent; and

Whereas, many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the WCC service area are working on the frontlines of this COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first responders, transportation, supermarkets, and other service industries; and

Whereas, the use of anti-AAPI terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19, by some political leaders and some media talking-heads have perpetuated and inflamed anti-AAPI stigma; and

Whereas, over the past 15 months, there has been a dramatic increase in reports of hate crimes and incidents (including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic) against those of AAPI descent across the United States of America, incited and encouraged by the increased use of anti-AAPI rhetoric; and

Whereas, the Yuba Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees has denounced anti-AAPI acts (YCCD Board of Trustees Resolution 21-13); and

Whereas, The WCC Academic Senate is committed to combating all forms of xenophobia, racism, and discrimination; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Woodland Community College Academic Senate thank the YCCD Board of Trustees for its commitment, expressed through Resolution 21-13, to stand against anti-AAPI acts; and

Be it resolved, that the Woodland Community College Academic Senate call on the communities we serve to denounce all anti-AAPI acts and do everything possible to ensure the safety and well-being of our AAPI community members.

On behalf of the WCC Academic Senate,



Christopher Howerton, WCC Academic Senate President 2020-2022