

**BOD 2020-21 – XR**

**Resolution in Support of the API Community and Establishing an API Student Resource Center**

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 14,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

**WHEREAS**, CSUEB’s Shared Strategic Commitments includes being dedicated to “enhance our inclusive campus, responding to the backgrounds and interests of our diverse community and promoting their academic, professional and personal development;”<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of Academic Affairs that “Cal State East Bay welcomes and supports a diverse student body with academically rich, culturally relevant learning experiences which prepare students to apply their education to meaningful life work, and to be socially responsible contributors to society;”<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the ASI’s Policy Agenda of 2020-2021,<sup>3</sup> Initiative #2 Social Justice and Equity, which commits to “providing support for historically underrepresented students: Undocumented/DACA students, mixed status family based students, and Black students in order to promote safety and inclusivity;” and

**WHEREAS**, ASI’s *Official Statement Denouncing Racial Injustice in America*<sup>4</sup> states that “ASI is committed to becoming stronger allies and fighting for social justice;” and

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<sup>1</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Shared Strategic Commitments*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/mission-and-strategic-planning/shared-strategic-commitments.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.csueastbay.edu/oaa/files/docs/homepage/aastrategicplan.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Policy Agenda 2020-2021*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/policies/incorporated-policy-agenda.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Official Statement Denouncing Racial Injustice in America*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/index.html>



**WHEREAS**, ASI released an *Official Statement Denouncing Asian and Pacific Islander Hate Crimes* (ATTACHMENT II) in which ASI states we “continue advocating for and representing our diverse and compassionate students. We are committed to enhancing our community in a direction of inclusivity and equity. As your CSUEB ASI, we strongly denounce the past and present hate crimes committed towards our API community” and “We will no longer hope, and rather actively strive to come together to end the systemic racism that is deeply rooted in our country. As ASI, we commit to work against Anti-Asian hate, provide resources and spaces for the API community, and distinguish hate when we encounter it;”<sup>5</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 23% of students at CSUEB that identify as Asian or Asian Pacific Islander;<sup>6</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, there are several CSU’s that have created an API student resource center on their campus. Cal State LA states, “The Asian Pacific Islander Student Resource Center (APISRC) was founded in 1993. The APISRC provides services and support for students who identify as, or are interested in, API community and cultural issues. The APISRC also develops long and short term programs and events focusing on issues of importance to the Asian Pacific community in the U.S., the Pacific, Asia, and worldwide;”<sup>7</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in API hate crimes, “1,226 incidents took place in California, and 708 in the Bay Area alone. The majority of incidents in the Bay Area — 292 — took place in San Francisco. The cities with the second and third most incidents were San Jose (58) and Oakland (55);”<sup>8</sup> and

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<sup>5</sup> BaySync. *ASI's Official Statement Denouncing Asian and Pacific Islander Hate Crimes*. Retrieved from: <https://csueastbay.campuslabs.com/engage/news/219572>

<sup>6</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Quick Enrollment Facts*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/ir/quick-enrollment-facts.html>

<sup>7</sup> Cal State LA. *University Student Union*. Retrieved from: <https://www.calstatelausu.org/apisrc>

<sup>8</sup> KQED News. *Anti-Asian Hate Incidents Reported in Bay Area During Pandemic True Figures Might Be Even Worse*. Retrieved from: <https://www.kqed.org/news/11859965/700-anti-asian-hate-incidents-reported-in-bay-area-during-pandemic-true-figures-might-be-even-worse>



**WHEREAS**, “In a survey of police departments in 16 major U.S. cities, the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, a research office at Cal State San Bernardino, found a total of 122 anti-Asian hate crimes last year — a 149% increase from the 49 in 2019;”<sup>9</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden issued the Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States in January 2021;<sup>10</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, CSUEB posted a statement on social media (ATTACHMENT I) stating that the university “stands in solidarity against the violent attacks targeted at Asian and Asian Pacific Islander communities;”<sup>11</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, CSUEB ASI adopted the *Resolution in Support of the Implementation of Anti-Bias Training for CSUEB Faculty/Staff and Students* this very semester, which demanded the creation and implementation of annual anti-bias training for all administrators, faculty, staff, and students;<sup>12</sup> be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, the CSUEB Associated Students, Inc. will denounce any violence towards the API community; and let it be further,

**RESOLVED**, we call on the CSUEB administration to extend assistance, resources, and create a student resource center, along with a permanent and dedicated coordinator, needed to support the API community; and let it be further,

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<sup>9</sup> LA Times. *Anti-Asian Crimes*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-03-05/anti-asian-crimes-harassment>

<sup>10</sup> White House. *Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism and Xenophobia and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/26/memorandum-condemning-and-combating-racism-xenophobia-and-intolerance-against-asian-americans-and-pacific-islanders-in-the-united-states/>

<sup>11</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Instagram (@csueb)*. Retrieved from:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CMkWU0PsR-s/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CMkWU0PsR-s/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

<sup>12</sup> California State University East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Resolution in Support of the Implementation of Anti-Bias Training for CSUEB Faculty/Staff and Students*. Retrieved from:

[https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/resolutions/2020-2021/bod-2020-21---10r-resolution-in-support-of-the-implementation-of-anti-bias-training-for-csueb-faculty\\_staff-and-students---signed.pdf](https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/resolutions/2020-2021/bod-2020-21---10r-resolution-in-support-of-the-implementation-of-anti-bias-training-for-csueb-faculty_staff-and-students---signed.pdf)



**RESOLVED**, CSUEB shall develop a timeline to implement an API Student Resource Center with an opening date of Fall 2022; and let it be further,

**RESOLVED**, we encourage the CSUEB administration to denounce the violence and hate crimes towards all communities and students affected; and let it be further,

**RESOLVED**, an anti-bias and anti-racism training be implemented for all faculty, staff, and students at CSUEB; and be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed to our University President, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the University Chief Diversity Officer, the Academic Senate, the President of the Cal State Student Association, Students for Quality Education, the Pioneer, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

Authored by: Anjelica de Leon, *Vice President of University Affairs*  
Kabir Dhillon, *Chair of the Board of Directors*

Approved On: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

ASI President/CEO does hereby [ ] *approves* / [ ] *refuses to approve* this resolution.

  
Euridice Pamela Sanchez-Martinez (May 28, 2021 12:57 PDT)  
Euridice Pamela Sanchez  
*ASI President/CEO*

  
Anjelica de Leon (May 30, 2021 20:30 PDT)  
Anjelica De Leon  
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Affairs & Senate Co-Chair*

  
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Kabir Dhillon  
*ASI Chair of the Board of Directors  
& Senate Co-Chair*

Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2020-2021



**ATTACHMENT I**  
California State University, East Bay  
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## ATTACHMENT II

### California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated ASI's Official Statement Denouncing Asian and Pacific Islander Hate Crimes



#### Official Statement Denouncing Asian and Pacific Islander Hate Crimes

Hello Pioneers,

Now deep into the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope you are staying safe and healthy. We are in a time of increased stress, uncertainty, and recurring injustices. There has been a longstanding history of discrimination in our country and we are currently living in a time where more tragedies are occurring.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in hate crimes towards the Asian and Pacific Islander Community. These events shine a light on the unfortunate hatred for many communities. This past week in Atlanta, Georgia, eight individuals were murdered in a mass shooting in several Asian owned spas. Six of the eight people were of Asian American descent: Delaina Ashley Yuan, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Park Hyeon Jeon, Julie Park, and Paul Andre Michels. Numerous acts of violence towards API individuals have also occurred in various parts of the country, and these hate crimes are deeply rooted in white supremacy ideals and xenophobia. Our community is filled with diversity and compassion, and we recognize these hate crimes are not isolated incidents but are a result of the dehumanizing history of our country.

California State University, East Bay's Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) carries its mission to continue advocating for and representing our diverse and compassionate students. We are committed to enhancing our community in a direction of inclusivity and equity. As your CSUEB ASI, we strongly denounce the past and present hate crimes committed towards our API community. It is necessary we recognize our influence as a student organization to dismiss any xenophobia and harmful actions toward any community. We must also recognize the hatred towards this group, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to find ways to eliminate and prevent these tragedies.



As students, we recognize the importance of supporting one another. We are in a time of distress, of heavy racial injustices, and of a lack of equitable resources. ASI extends our support to our API Community. We recognize a large majority of our student population are affected by these hate crimes and attacks, and we strongly will continue to say: We stand with you.

In efforts to raise awareness and support, we would like to share with you resources that will hopefully strengthen our allyship, our direction towards justice, and to denounce any hatred that divides our community:

- [AAPA COVID-19 Related Resources](#)  
Visit Asian American Psychological Association Resources
- [Student Health & Counseling Services](#)  
510-885-3735 • shcs@csueastbay.edu
- [Hate Crime Resources](#)  
Visit <https://www.napaba.org/page/HateCrimeResources>
- [Social Justice & Wellness Resources](#)  
Visit Social Justice and Wellness Resources on [www.csueastbay.edu](http://www.csueastbay.edu)

In these already trying times, we highly encourage you to apply to this ASI Scholarship intended to offer additional support for students affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- [ASI COVID-19 Scholarship](#)  
Or visit <https://tinyurl.com/54dharar>

We will no longer hope, and rather actively strive to come together to end the systemic racism that is deeply rooted in our country. As ASI, we commit to work against Anti-Asian hate, provide resources and spaces for the API community, and distinguish hate when we encounter it. We are committed to becoming better allies. We are committed to educating ourselves and our community. We are committed to fighting against discrimination and ensuring that racism no longer has a seat at the table. Considering our campus prides itself on its diversity and compassion as a community, we also encourage you to start having these tough conversations and move away from complicity. Through unity and advocacy, it is on us to create lasting social change.

In solidarity,

**Your ASI Student Government**



Euridice Pamela Sanchez, *President/CEO*  
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