

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, during the coronavirus pandemic various communities are continuing to struggle with the surge in discriminatory attacks; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous reports of Asian Americans being threatened, harassed, or assaulted; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has also fueled a rise in anti-Semitic incidents against the Jewish community, and the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress, is a bill, HR 6721, the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act; and

WHEREAS, HR 6721 would require the Attorney General to designate a Department of Justice officer or employee to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes reported to federal, state, and/or local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, HR 6721 would require the designated Department of Justice officer or employee also; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should SUPPORT the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act because it would allow the Federal government to provide greater oversight of COVID-19 related hate crimes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of HR 6721, the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, which would require the Attorney General to designate a Department of Justice officer or employee to provide greater oversight of COVID-19 related hate crimes.

PRESENTED BY:



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