

19 **WHEREAS**, throughout American history Asian Americans have been the
20 victims of xenophobic acts of violence and hate, including the murders of Vincent
21 Chin, Naoki Kamijima and Srinivas Kuchibhotla; and

22 **WHEREAS**, while hate crimes may target individuals, the psychological and
23 social impacts affect the entire community; and

24 **WHEREAS**, there has been a hateful backlash toward Chinese and Asian
25 Americans in the form of hate crimes and discrimination since the spread of COVID-
26 19 in the United States and in Austin; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the deliberate use of terms like “Chinese virus” has promulgated
28 racism towards Chinese and Asian Americans and further spreads misinformation
29 about the pandemic; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic Austin confronts requires our entire
31 community to have trust and faith in our institutions to manage and resolve this
32 crisis; and

33 **WHEREAS**, we, as elected representatives, have a special responsibility not
34 to stay silent in the face of hatred, violence, or discrimination against any of our
35 constituents; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

36 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

37 The City Council of Austin condemns all hateful speech, violent action,
38 racism, and misinformation directed at Chinese Americans, Asian Americans, and

39 Chinese- and Asian-owned businesses, particularly reactions due to misinformation
40 spread about the relationship between China and the COVID-19 virus.

41 The City Council of Austin asks residents to join us in calling attention to
42 these harms and denouncing hate to help keep all Austinites safe during this
43 unprecedented pandemic and beyond.

44 The City Council of Austin commits to pursuing a policy agenda that affirms
45 civil and human rights, and ensures that those targeted on the basis of race,
46 nationality, religion, or immigration status can turn to government without fear of
47 recrimination.

48 The City Council of Austin affirms the value of a pluralistic society, the
49 beauty of a culture composed of multiple cultures, and promoting an anti-racist
50 culture that stands in solidarity with those who experience hate, violence, and
51 prejudice.

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53 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2020 **ATTEST:** _____

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Jannette S. Goodall
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