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Date: To: Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors
From: Shinh, Marty
Subject: Resolution Calling for Action to Support APIDA Students

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Whereas, Associated Students Inc. at California State University Sacramento (ASCSUS) is the sole representative voice of the more than 31,500 students at Sacramento State; and

Whereas, it is the duty and focus of ASCSUS to represent and support our students, and advocate for policies that would benefit the student body; and

Whereas, ASCSUS was heartbroken to learn of the tragic racially motivated mass shootings in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16th, 2021, but also the multitude of hateful violent acts that have been committed against the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community; and

Whereas, acts like these jeopardize the lives of our students and their families, and in turn impact the education due to the obvious mental health ramifications of living in fear of racially motivated attacks; and

Whereas, the recent rise of violence against APIDA is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color, we must work together to create community centered solutions that stop the violence in all communities; and

Whereas, the model minority myth also creates the stereotype that the APIDA community is a monolithic group, a stereotype that masks the economic, academic and social struggles of our diverse communities (i.e. Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, Southeast Asians, Arab-Americans, mixed-race Asians, undocumented Asians, etc.), which is why this resolution also forcefully condemns the ideology of the model minority myth and dispels it due to its role in hindering solidarity amongst communities of color; and

Whereas, ASCSUS stands with the APIDA community and wishes to affirm its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of Asian American students, staff and faculty and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry; and

Whereas, as an anchor institution, Sacramento State and all its entities always have a significant role to play in working to combat racism and hate perpetrated against members of the campus community, therefor be it

Resolved, that ASCSUS thoroughly condemns the violent acts and discrimination towards our APIDA community, and looks to take further steps to confront it here at Sacramento State; and be it

Resolved, that ASCSUS will hold or partner with, before the end of the semester, in collaboration with our campus partners a forum style event to ensure that we are hearing from our APIDA student community and can properly address their needs; and

Resolved, that ASCSUS sees combating anti-APIDA hate as part of the broader campus anti-racism initiatives, and will continue to pursue methods to support increased cultural humility and sensitivity among all members of the Sacramento State community; and be it

Resolved, that ASCSUS asks you to join us in support of our APIDA community, and be it

Finally Resolved, that this resolution be distributed to Sacramento State President Robert S. Nelsen, all members of the President’s Cabinet, Student Success and Educational Equity Programs, and Faculty Senate Chair Tracy Dawn Hamilton.