Resolution regarding Xenophobia and Racism against the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community

Whereas, the COVID-19 crisis has led to a drastic increase in anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) attacks across the nation and horrific deaths, with over 2,800 documented attacks since March 2020 being reported by the Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center, while also recognizing the California Democratic Party's commitment to supporting "a just and inclusive society by speaking out with a public and unified voice against all forms of racism, discrimination, harassment, hatred, and violence directed at racial and ethnic minorities", as stated in the Equality of Rights and Opportunity plank of the California Democratic Party's 2020 Platform;

Whereas, AAPI Californians, who account for approximately one-third of the nation's AAPI population, are vulnerable to the growing number of xenophobia-fueled attacks, which continue to be fueled by former President Trump and his supporters

Whereas, the history of California and the United States as a whole relating to our AAPI population is one of discrimination, restriction, and xenophobia, as seen in the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II, the formation of the "Asiatic-Barred Zone" in the Immigration Act of 1917, the current country-level immigration quotas which lead to long waitlists for AAPI immigrants, the systematic and illegal surveillance of South Asians during the War on Terror, and more;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Stonewall Democratic Club unequivocally condemns hate incidents and stands in solidarity with Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities also experiencing the scourge of racist violence, and therefore, denounces any effort to pit communities against one another;

Be it further resolved, the Stonewall Democratic Club calls upon President Biden's Administration and California elected officials to work with and advocate for the AAPI community in addressing the rise in anti-AAPI attacks and deaths.