

Resolution 2020-2 to Denounce Stigmatization, Xenophobia, Hateful Racism arisen from COVID19 Pandemic & to Honor Asian Americans During Asian Pacific Islander Month adopted May 21, 2020

WHEREAS, the fear and uncertainty around COVID-19, coupled with hateful political rhetoric at the federal level, has led to a sharp increase in violence, hateful acts of racism and stigmatization of Asians/Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has indicated that attaching locations or ethnicity to the disease is dangerous. The official name for the disease was deliberately chosen to avoid stigmatization – the “co” stands for Corona, “vi” for virus and “d” for disease, and 19 for the emergence of the disease in 2019. It is not a “Chinese virus,” “Asian virus” or “Wuhan virus; and

WHEREAS, according to 2019 estimates, approximately 30 percent of San Mateo County’s 766,570 residents are of Asian heritage, compared with 15.3 percent for the State of California and have contributed greatly to fabric of the United States nationally and locally in San Mateo County bringing talent, diversity, and community service in fields of law, education, agricultural, science and technology, government, non-profit sectors, building and trades, hospitality & retail industry ; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee that it does hereby denounce stigmatization, hateful racism and xenophobia during the covid-19 pandemic, against particular groups of people, notably Asian Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee will stand by justice honoring the contributions of Asian Pacific Islander Community by uniting to stand firm against Xenophobia and celebrate the expansive contributions the Asian American and Pacific Islander community during May with the rest of country.