

PROCLAMATION

OF THE BURIEN CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, PROCLAIMING TO BE AGAINST BIAS AND HATE CRIMES AGAINST GROUPS AS A RESULT OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Whereas, our vision for the City of Burien is a vibrant and creative community, where residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment; and

Whereas, the City of Burien, King County, the State of Washington, and the United States of America have declared the COVID-19 pandemic a state of emergency; and

Whereas, communities of color make up almost half of Burien's population; and

Whereas, Asians are the second largest community of color in Burien; and

Whereas, COVID-19, also known as coronavirus is not caused by race, nationality, or ethnicity; and

Whereas, having Chinese ancestry – or any other ancestry – does not make a person more vulnerable to COVID-19; and

Whereas, there is a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes in connection to COVID-19 in King County; and

Whereas, Burien stands up against stigma, bigotry and hate-based violence as a result of COVID-19, and declares that no one shall be discriminated against because of race, faith, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or any other real or perceived difference; and

Whereas, Burien supports and promotes inclusiveness, celebrates diversity, and bringing communities together to combat hatred and prejudice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Burien, does hereby proclaim that hate, bigotry, and bias are not welcome in Burien and urge residents to speak up if they hear, see, or read misinformation or harassment by:

- Doing your part to stop stigma against others as a result of COVID-19 because prejudiced language and actions make us all less safe; and
- Avoid spreading misinformation, and stay informed through reputable and trusted resources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Public Health – Seattle & King County, and the City of Burien; and
- Report discrimination to the Washington State Human Rights Commission.

Dated this day of April 6, 2020

Mayor Jimmy Matta

Deputy Mayor Krystal Marx
Councilmember Sofia Aragon
Councilmember Cydney Moore

Councilmember Pedro Olguin
Councilmember Kevin Schilling
Councilmember Nancy Tosta

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