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C.A.C.A. National Applauds San Antonio City Council Resolution Denouncing COVID-19 Hate Speech

San Antonio, May 12, 2020 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) applauds the City Council of San Antonio, Texas, for the unanimously passage last Thursday, May 7, of a resolution condemning the use of terms like "Chinese virus" and "Kung Fu Virus" as the state's second most populous city (pop. 1.53 million) continues to fight against the spread of COVID-19. The nation has seen an uptick in hate crimes against Asians in recent months, ranging from disparaging remarks to physical violence. A woman was punched in a New York Chinatown subway, a family in Texas was stabbed and a male teen was assaulted at school in California by peers who claimed he was infected with the Coronavirus.

The Resolution stated, "The City of San Antonio denounces antisemitism, anti-Asian bigotry, and all hateful speech, violent action and the spread of misinformation related to COVID-19 that casts blame, promotes racism or discrimination or harms the City of San Antonio Asian and Pacific Islander, Jewish, immigrant or other communities."

In support of resolution's passage, the Asian American Alliance of San Antonio*, an organization formed with the purpose to unite and promote the Asian American community in San Antonio, presented a letter of support (*see below*) authored by the Alliance President Kin Hui, who also serves as president of C.A.C.A. San Antonio Chapter and vice president, membership, C.A.C.A. National.













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The Asian American Alliance of San Antonio and our 24 Asian American based member organizations thank the San Antonio City Council for passing the resolution to: "AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COMBATTING HATE SPEECH."

We are very gratified that the San Antonio City Council has taken this courageous action to denounce antisemitism, anti-Asian bigotry, and all hateful speech, violent action and the spread of misinformation related to COVID-19. We encourage all municipalities in and surrounding Bexar County to take similar actions to denounce racism and bigotry against Asian Americans and Jewish Americans.

The COVID-19 crisis we are all facing as San Antonians and Americans must be solved together. Racist acts against Asian Americans or Jewish Americans during this crisis or at any time cannot be tolerated and must be stopped.

San Antonians have had a long and distinctive history of pulling together and helping each other in times of crisis. The COVID-19 crisis has shown that San Antonians of all races, religions, and ethnic origins continue to be the amazing people that we are known around the World. It is a stain upon our well-earned reputation when a few people in our community have used this crisis as an excuse to express their racist and bigoted views against Asian Americans and Jewish Americans.

These racist acts are occurring while Asian Americans and Jewish Americans are courageously serving in the frontlines at our hospitals treating COVID-19 victims and while other Asian Americans and Jewish Americans are tenaciously seeking solutions and innovations in our research facilities. We urge all San Antonians to continue to work together against COVID-19 and against racism. We are all in this together. We will get through this together.

The Asian American Alliance of San Antonio is an organization formed with the purpose to unite and promote the Asian American community in San Antonio.

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Read the draft resolution of the San Antonio City Council at https://sanantonio.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8325499&GUID=689213C1-04FE-4192-8FC4-5D10DDED956A

*Members of the Asian American Alliance of San Antonio are Alamo Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Alamo AACC Educational Foundation, Anuja San Antonio, Association of Convenience Store Retailers, Chinese American Citizen Alliance - San Antonio Lodge, Chinese Society of San Antonio, Convenience-Store Association of San Antonio, Greater San Antonio Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Gujarati Samaj of San Antonio, India Association of San Antonio, Organization of Filipinos in Texas, Pakistani American Association of San Antonio Philippine Nurses Association of San Antonio, Philippine Woman Association, San Antonio Chinese Alliance San Antonio United Malayalee Association, San Antonio Tamil Sangam, Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of San Antonio, South Texas Merchants Association, Telugu Association of San Antonio, Vietnamese American Community of San Antonio, San Antonio Asian Real Estate Association of America, San Antonio Indian Nurses Association, and Philippine Chamber of Commerce - Central Texas Region.

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Orange County (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Sacramento (CA), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.