

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Board Resolution

No. 09

April 2021

Board Resolution No. 9 - for the Support of LMC's Asian and Pacific Islander Students

WHEREAS, the Los Medanos College Associated Students (LMCAS) is the representative body that is responsible for advocating for the needs of all students attending Los Medanos College (LMC); and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College believes every person has the ability to promote inclusiveness, kindness, respect, and diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College recognizes that COVID-19 is the most significant and consequential health crisis students have faced in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College believes no student should live in fear as a member of the LMC campus community; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College take notice that the threat of COVID-19 has resulted in a rise of anti-Asian sentiments across the country, leading to increased instances of harassment, violence, racial profiling, and scapegoating of Asian-Pacific Islander (API) communities; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College acknowledge anti-Asian racism and hate is not new and has a long history in the United States as illustrated by government enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and enforcement of Japanese internment from 1942-1945; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College recognize API students make up 11% of LMC's overall student population and add immeasurable value to the college community; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College find the stigma of the model-minority ascribed to the API community to be uniquely damaging, presenting unique challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College has determined that current LMC course curriculum devoted to the history and contributions of Asian-Pacific Islanders nationally and worldwide is notably scarce in relation to courses devoted to other racial groups; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College will use the LMCAS platform and all its privileges to address all issues pertaining to racial discrimination to the full extent of its power; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College will consistently and compassionately lead the way in modeling the ability of every person to promote inclusiveness, kindness, respect, and diversity; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College will be proactive in working to address any COVID-19 challenges faced by the students of LMC; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College denounces any and all acts of racism, hate, bigotry, discrimination, and harassment perpetrated against its API student peers; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College encourages LMC and Contra Costa Community College District administration to release a public statement in support of its API faculty, staff, and students; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College will seek to collaborate with other departments within the LMC community to ensure all API students feel welcomed, supported, and valued throughout their period of enrollment; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College will increase its outreach to API students to better understand the impact of the model minority stereotype and devise new ways to address its effects; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Los Medanos College is advocating for both more inclusion of API history in current course offerings and the creation of an API specific history course at LMC.

Approved: 5/17/21

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