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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today to ask your council to consider proclaiming May 10, 2021, as the **“Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”** - a nationwide movement that was initiated by a group of grassroots activists in Burnaby, BC.

[**Stand With Asians Coalition \(SWAC\)**](#) is a community of people in Canada who are concerned about the surge of anti-Asian racism in our cities. Vancouver has seen a staggering increase of over 700%, Burnaby - 350% increase, and Ottawa - 600% increase in 2020. A recent federally-funded study reported 1150 cases of racist attacks in Canada last year. Forty percent were reported in Ontario and forty-four percent were reported in B.C. Sixty percent of the cases were reported by women.

Stand With Asians Coalition brings allies together to raise awareness and to combat anti-Asian racism. We must condemn all forms of hate in public spaces as it creates unsafe conditions for members of the Asian, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and Racialized Communities.

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada. The City of Burnaby is the first city in Canada that has officially made a proclamation, declaring May 10, 2021, as the **“Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”**. Many cities on the West Coast, such as Vancouver, Surrey, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Richmond, the District of Missions and on the East Coast, Toronto and Ottawa, are also in the process of considering a similar proclamation. SWAC is organizing a **National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism E Rally** on Zoom on May 10 at 5 PM PT/ 8 PM ET. Sign up [here](#).

I am writing to request that your council consider making a similar proclamation to support this initiative. Please see attached a copy of the City of Burnaby's proclamation. After the release of your proclamation, we ask that you kindly inform

our SWAC organizer, Doris Mah, at 604-729-3107 or doriswkmah@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Doris Mah (she/her)
Burnaby resident
[SWAC](#) Organizer

I acknowledge that I live and work on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən'qəmin'əm' and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, as well as all Coast Salish peoples.

City of Burnaby



Proclamation

DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ASIAN RACISM

Whereas Burnaby RCMP reported a 350 per cent increase in anti-Asian hate crimes during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms 15 (1) states that Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability; and

WHEREAS The City of Burnaby's Social Sustainability Vision states that Burnaby strives to be a caring, inclusive, vibrant, safe, livable and just city; and that we must embrace diversity, celebrate culture and creativity, foster belongings and participation, and adapt well to a changing world; and

WHEREAS Every resident in Burnaby deserves safe public spaces without the fear of discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability; and

WHEREAS May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada.

NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 10 AS

“DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ASIAN RACISM”

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this Twenty-sixth Day
of April, 2021 A.D.

MIKE HURLEY
MAYOR

