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**Subject:** City Council Meeting 5/19/2020: Support for House Resolution 908 Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19

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Mayor Ashcraft and members of the City Council of Alameda,

My name is Robert Pon and I am resident of Alameda.

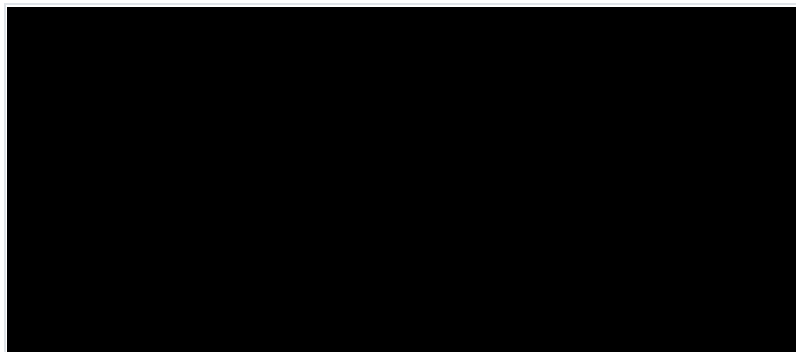
I am requesting the City of Alameda study House Resolution 908 (Grace Meng D-NY) Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to **COVID-19 and consider supporting it.**

**We support the healthcare professionals on the front lines battling the Covid-19 pandemic. While Asian American, Pacific Islanders and Foreign Medical Graduates represent >5% of the US workforce, they are very well represented as doctors (>19%) and nurses (>8%, with Filipino/Pinay representing nearly 20% of RN's in California), according to a 2017 US Department of HHS, HRSA report Sex, Race and Ethnic Diversity of US Health Occupations (2010-2015).**

**Yet there is a growing resurgence in anti-Asian xenophobia and hate crimes because the White House has called COVID-19 the Chinese Virus, or the Kung Flu. Although the White House has promised not to use the term again, Pandora Box has been opened and anti-Asian sentiment released. Even this past Sunday, White House advisor Peter Navarro call COVID-19 the China Virus. The fracturing of US-China relations affects all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders because most Americans can't tell the differences between AAPI.**

**The City of Oakland has passed a resolution supporting House Resolution 908 on May 12. Support for HR 908 was sponsored by 2 Asian Americans Councilmembers, Nikki Fortunato Bas and Sheng Thao. Will the City of Alameda follow their example?**

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