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## **Council unanimous in expressing City of Milwaukee's solidarity with AAPI community and residents**

The **Common Council** today (**Tuesday, March 23rd**) was unanimous in voting to approve a resolution putting the city on record as standing with the Asian-American Pacific Islander population (AAPI) and against hate stoked by racism.

Council immediate adoption file **#201593** – sponsored by **Alderman Michael J. Murphy** and **Council President Cavalier Johnson** – emphasizes the importance of expressing the City of Milwaukee's solidarity with its Asian-American Pacific Islander residents and condemning all acts of violence directed against the AAPI community. From the 1942 internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, to the recent deadly spa shootings in Georgia, U.S. history has been marked by systemic racism toward and resilience within the AAPI community.

“It is time to work together to put an end to the violence and racism the AAPI community experiences across our country, and that is why we must work together toward creating communities that are actively anti-racist,” Alderman Murphy said. “I sincerely appreciate the unanimous support from my colleagues on this important resolution.”

President Johnson said the recent increase in anti-Asian hate incidents is extremely troublesome. “The time is now to create a better, safer, and more just country for our families, neighbors and communities,” he said.

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## **AAPI Support Resolution/ADD ONE**

Alderman Murphy said he hopes that the Council's resolution and others like it from other legislative bodies across the U.S. (and the world) will "move our country's urgent need for reform forward" and closer to "creating a society where our diversity is not only respected but celebrated."

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