

Resolution

Resolution on Anti-Asian Violence

Submitted by the Executive Council

1 **Whereas**, eight people were murdered in Georgia on March 16, 2021, including six Asian American
2 women; and
3 **Whereas**, there has been a rise in vicious attacks on Asian Americans throughout the country, including
4 on the elderly; and
5 **Whereas**, attacks on Asian American women have a long and sordid history, perpetuated by negative
6 media images and misogyny; and
7 **Whereas**, anti-Asian violence is not a new phenomenon, but has deep roots in white supremacy and
8 racism within U.S. society; and
9 **Whereas**, since 1882, with the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, anti-Asian immigration laws and
10 policies were upheld by the U.S. legal system for more than eighty years until the Civil Rights movement
11 of the 1960's successfully challenged them; and
12 **Whereas**, the former Trump Administration falsely blamed China and Asian people for the Covid-19
13 pandemic, referring to it the "China Virus" and "Kung Flu;" and
14 **Whereas**, the former Trump administration has emboldened racist vigilantes and bigoted hate groups and
15 encouraged the violent white supremacist insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021; and
16 **Whereas**, the rise in anti-Asian violence is directly related to the police killing of unarmed black women
17 and men, the shameful anti-immigration policies that have led to caging of children along the U.S.-Mexico
18 border, and the long legacy of slavery, mass incarceration, and Jim Crow policies that the United States as
19 a nation has never honestly and openly addressed; and
20 **Whereas**, U.S. unions historically have been complicit in policies of white supremacy and segregation,
21 including advocating for the Chinese Exclusion Act and exclusion of people of color from labor unions in
22 generations past; and
23 **Whereas**, the CFT is committed to advance multi-racial unity, and to challenge discriminatory policies
24 and practices throughout U.S. society; and
25 **Whereas**, the Chinese Federation of Teachers has a special role to play in educating the future generation
26 within our state, and to promote racial justice and racial healing;
27 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the CFT condemns the heinous murder of eight people in Atlanta, Georgia,
28 on March 16, 2021, including six Asian Americans; and
29 **Be it further resolved**, that the CFT deplors the rise in anti-Asian violence that has been encouraged by
30 racist rhetoric and policies advanced by the Trump Administration; and
31 **Be it further resolved**, that the CFT will advocate for anti-racist curriculum in the schools of California,
32 and support expansion of Ethnic Studies, including Asian American, African American, Latina/o, and
33 Native American Studies; and
34 **Be it finally resolved**, that the CFT pledges to promote racial justice and racial healing, and to challenge
35 racially motivated hatred and violence within our society.