



**CHAIRMAN ANDREW DO, SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT  
SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT, FIFTH DISTRICT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CHAIRMAN ANDREW DO AND SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT DENOUNCE RACISM & HATE CRIMES**

*Orange County Calls for Policies That Promote Racial, Health and Economic Equity*

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ORANGE COUNTY, CA (March 24, 2021) – During the March 23rd Board meeting, the Orange County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved two resolutions, one from Chairman Andrew Do, First District, titled “Orange County Board of Supervisors Commitment to Action Against Racism” and the other from Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District, titled “County of Orange Stands in Solidarity to Denounce All Hate Crimes.”

The action was prompted due to the alarming upsurge in COVID-related hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, which has increased 10-fold over the past year according to a report from the OC Human Relations Commission. Both supervisors desired to condemn all hateful acts of racism, repudiate those who perpetrate such acts, and work in our role as a county government to eradicate discrimination.

“Since the start of the pandemic, inflammatory, racist language used by our elected officials and amplified on social media has led to an increase in crimes directed against Asian, Black, Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, and other people,” said Chairman Andrew Do, who represents the First District. “When racists are emboldened to act out their racist thoughts egregiously and blatantly, any soft pedaling will only encourage more victimization.”

Supervisor Bartlett’s resolution denounces all hate crimes and hateful acts, and Chairman Do’s resolution calls for policies and procedures that promote racial, health, and economic equity.

“I am pleased to have the support of my colleagues on this tremendously pressing issue” said Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, who represents the Fifth District. “People of all races and ethnic backgrounds have contributed greatly to the economic vitality and rich history of Orange County and should not be subject to such hateful acts. As such, I am grateful to the AAPI and other community leaders who provided direct input for my

resolution, which also includes defined action items for our Board to take to confront all hate crimes in Orange County. We can and must do better,” said Bartlett.

“Discrimination of any kind, against any race, has no place in our community, and we must stand united to denounce such hateful acts,” she said.

“We at the County have a duty to ensure we do not provide disparate benefit or harm related to race, or any other identity,” said Chairman Do. “In the coming months and years, I look forward to working more on this issue with this Board.”

## **Reporting Hate Crimes**

Orange County residents who witness any incident of hate crimes or social discrimination are encouraged to report it to the Orange County Human Relations Commission at [714-480-6580](tel:714-480-6580) and local law enforcement so justice can be served.

Both resolutions reaffirm the County’s commitment to stand promote tolerance and eradicate racism in all its forms.

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*Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairman [Andrew Do](#) represents the [First District](#) communities of Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Midway City. One of the first officials in the state to [propose a face covering mandate](#). Supervisor Andrew Do is advocating for science-based COVID-19 policies. Chairman Do has been a leader in combating [homelessness](#), reforming [Orange County’s mental health services](#), and expanding access to [health care](#).*

*Supervisor Lisa Bartlett represents the Fifth Supervisorial District which includes the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Irvine (portion of), Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, as well as the unincorporated communities of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel*