



**Associated Students, SJSU, Board of Directors' Resolution 22/23-02
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HATE CRIMES POLICY &
HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES**

Whereas, It is the mission of Associated Students of San José State University to represent the students of San José State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunity and experience; and

Whereas, Associated Students (A.S.) is the official voice of over 35,000 students at San José State University (SJSU); and

Whereas, This resolution seeks to acknowledge the increased rise in hate crime in our community and nation, and support AB 1987¹ which would require individual local law enforcement agencies to officially implement a hate crimes policy that creates specific guidelines and definitions to describe a hate crime; and

Whereas, A hate crime is defined as a crime motivated by bias against race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability²; and

Whereas, The bill would require individual local law enforcement agencies to officially implement a hate crimes policy that creates specific guidelines and definitions to describe a hate crime. There would also be a state-mandated program regarding how to handle said hate crimes. Act amending sections 422.55, 422.87, 422.9, 13023, and 13519.6 of the Penal Code, relating to hate crimes; and

Whereas, SJSU has “denounce[d] the ideologies and actions of all hate groups and all who perpetrate... attacks³” and hopes to address the racism against their community; and

Whereas, SJSU’s Academic Senate resolved that they “stand in unified opposition to rhetoric and violence that associates COVID-19 with nationality, race, ethnicity, or country;”⁴ and

Whereas, Research shows that folks from the Latinx community are unlikely to report hate crimes due to threats of deportation⁵.

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1947

² <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes/learn-about-hate-crimes>

³ Papazian, M. A. (2021, March 22). Message to the SJSU community regarding anti-Asian American racism. <https://blogs.sjsu.edu/president/2021/03/22/message-to-the-sjsu-community-regarding-anti-Asian-american-racism/>.

⁴ San José State University Senate . (2020, April 20). SS-S20-6. <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SS-S20-6.pdf>.

⁵ <https://hateinamerica.news21.com/rising-hate-drives-latinos-immigrants-into-silence/>





Whereas, In the last year, Anti-Asian hate crimes, violence, and racism have increased 339% nationwide⁶ at the beginning of COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020; and

Whereas, In 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) statistics showed that 87% of law enforcement agencies in the United State reported no hate crimes in 2013⁷. A large proportion of hate crimes go unreported due to data disaggregation, lack of structural policy, anxiety, and generational trauma faced by communities of color; and

Whereas, San José State University is no stranger to hate crimes and discrimination past to present - ranging from the recent hate crime incidents in 2023, involvement in the incarceration of Japanese Americans in 1942, the unwelcome attitude and treatment of Tommie Smith and John Carlos⁸ for advocacy for Black Americans in 1968, and discrimination and violence faced by students and communities of color for decades ; and

Whereas, San José State University is home to a diverse community filled with various identities, including Black, Indigenous, people of color, international students, first generation students, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersexual, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) identifying students, undocumented students, and students with disabilities; and

Whereas, San José State University and the San José community must stand with communities of various identities to cultivate a sense of culture and pride through the advocacy in local legislation, engaging programs to increase awareness, and community empowerment ; now therefore be it

Resolved, That in the adopting of this resolution, Associated Students stands against the violence and hate that comes from discrimination and harmful stereotypes; and further be it

Resolved, Associated Students recommends campus partners- including Solidarity Network, Student Involvement, University Personnel, Academic Senate, President's Cabinet, University Police Department, and Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to be proactive in spreading awareness of how to report hate crimes and reporting through programming and additional services to students to destigmatize and combat the lack of reporting in communities; and further be it

⁶ <https://stopaapihate.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/22-SAH-NationalReport-3.1.22-v9.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.policechiefmagazine.org/the-hate-crimes/#3>

⁸ <https://localnewsmatters.org/2021/10/21/a-legacy-of-racial-justice-sjsu-honors-olympians-53-years-after-iconic-protest/>





Resolved, Associated Students urge the San José State University to increase education through development of services, departments, and programs with topics including history of historically underrepresented communities, impacts of stereotypes and discrimination, xenophobia, and oppression ; and further be it

Resolved, Associated Students urges the Academic Senate Curriculum and Research Committee to consider the creation of the Asian American Studies Department to increase visibility of Asian American and Pacific Islander students and community members; and further be it

Resolved, Associated Students recommends that the Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences must expand its Asian American course content history and course collection to include South Asian literature and to increase the variety of Asian American history programs⁹; and further be it

Resolved, Associated Students recognizes and stands in solidarity with all students of San José State University, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members who all belong and are needed in the United States; and further be it

Resolved, The Associated Students Board of Directors fully support and urge our representatives Ash Kalra, AlexLee, Evan Low, Mark Berman, Senator Dave Corteze, Senator Bob Wieckowski to vote “Yes” on AB 1987¹⁰ which would require individual local law enforcement agencies to officially implement a hate crimes policy that creates specific guidelines and definitions to describe a hate crime ; and further be it

Resolved, That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including, but not limited to: all board members of the **CSU Board of Trustees, Jolene Koester** (*Interim Chancellor, CSU*), **Steven Perez** (*Interim President of San José State University*), *Members of the President’s Cabinet, Lisa Millora* (*Vice President for Strategy and Chief of Staff*), **Patrick Day** (*Vice President for Student Affairs*), **Jahmal Williams** (*Director of Advocacy for Racial Justice*), **Kathleen Wong-Lau** (*Chief Diversity Officer, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*), **Vincent Del Casino** (*Provost of San José State University*), **Charlie Faas** (*Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*), **California State Student Association Board of Directors, Ro Khanna** (*U.S. Congressman, 17th District*), **Zoe Lofgren** (*U.S Congresswoman, 19th District*), **Alex Padilla** (*CA State Senator, 15th District*), **Diane Feinstein** (*CA State Senator, 15th District*), **Ash Kalra** (*CA State Assemblyman, 27th District*),

⁹ [Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi, South/East Asian /American \(APIDS/EA/A\) Resolution](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gaLCDAt6_e45JID7vmFLrqJM61tXVszgj4Sw_L01m5E/edit?usp=sharing)
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¹⁰ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220AB1947





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**Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State University
Board of Directors at a Board of Directors meeting held November 11, 2022
by a vote of**

13-Yea 0-Nay 0-Abstention 0-Absent

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