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The Port of Hueneme is Committed to Equality *Port's Commissioners pass resolution to promote equality and tolerance, denounces racism*

PORT OF HUENEME, MAY 26, 2021 – As the country recovers from the many impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, an increase in racial turbulence and violence adds to the challenges for many Americans. Asian Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans as well as immigrants, people of color, women, and the LGBT+ communities are feeling the direct impacts of this turbulence. To reaffirm the Port of Hueneme's commitment to equality, the Oxnard Harbor District Board of Commissioners recently passed a board resolution to promote tolerance and denounce racism.

"The Oxnard Harbor District Board of Commissioners acknowledges that the recent escalation of racial violence against the AAPI community must be acted upon," said Board President Jason T. Hodge. "We are a District where people can feel safe and respected and free of harm and this resolution reflects that. We are a diverse working Port and as part of the global economy and local community, we have to incorporate our values into our actions."

The Port of Hueneme values those who are not racist, and those who do not discriminate based on gender. The resolution aims to promote anti-racist and gender-inclusive actions, ideals, and policies and efforts that reflect and uphold its commitment to realizing a diverse, equal, and just community within the District, the County, the State of California, and the nation.

"The board's commitment to equality is just one way of showing our community our support and drive to be a safe, inclusive place for everyone who keeps our cargo moving," said Kristin Decas, Port of Hueneme CEO & Director.

View the complete Resolution here: <https://www.portofhueneme.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/RES-1225-Commitment-to-Equality.pdf>

The Port of Hueneme is one of the most productive and efficient commercial trade gateways for niche cargo on the West Coast. The Port is governed by five locally elected Port Commissioners. The Port moves \$10.85 billion in goods each year and consistently ranks among the top ten U.S. ports for automobiles and fresh produce. Port operations support the community by bringing \$1.7 billion in economic activity and creating 15,834 trade-related jobs. Trade through the Port of Hueneme generates more than \$119 million in direct and related state and local taxes, which fund vital community services. In 2017, the Port of Hueneme became the first port in California to become Green Marine certified and was voted the Greenest Port in the U.S. at the Green Shipping Summit.

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