



IN HONOR OF AAPI YOUTH RISING

WHEREAS, AAPI Youth Rising is a student-led organization working to stop anti-Asian hate, ensure that AAPI history and ethnic studies are taught in K-12 schools, and support AAPI civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, AAPI Youth Rising was created by middle schoolers at Black Pine Circle School in response to a troubling increase in anti-Asian hate crimes and rhetoric during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a mass shooting in Atlanta where six Asian-American women were killed; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2021, AAPI Youth Rising organizers led a powerful rally of 1,200 people in West Berkeley, providing a space for the community to speak out against hate and share their experiences with racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, after their rally galvanized thousands of Berkeley residents to stand in solidarity with Asian Americans, the students have built on this momentum to push for change in our education system; and

WHEREAS, the passionate and tenacious students of Black Pine Circle are an inspiration to us all and exemplify the values of the City of Berkeley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Jesse Arreguín**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and commend the organizers and activists of

AAPI YOUTH RISING

for their leadership in the City of Berkeley.

Jesse Arreguín
Mayor



May 25, 2021