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To our Huntington Beach Community:

The City of Huntington Beach and The Human Relations Task Force (HRTF) stand united to remind our residents and business owners to stand up against acts of discrimination and hatred directly related to the COVID-19 Crisis.

A recent incident that targeted a resident of Chinese descent reminds us that it is the responsibility of our leaders, neighbors and family members to denounce intolerance and hatred directed to anyone in our community. The Huntington Beach Human Relation Task Force mission is to promote and celebrate diversity in our community through education and understanding. As the City of Huntington Beach's Declaration of Policy about Human Dignity states, "*When acts of hate are committed against any citizen, it is considered an act against the entire community.*"

There have been concerns about Asian Americans being racially profiled since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus, including discrimination and/or targeted violence. Unfortunately, these fears have been realized in our community with a recent incident. These types of targeted discrimination are serious crimes and will be investigated by the Huntington Beach Police Department.

Now is the time for us to show who we are as our OneHB community. During this crisis, we have witnessed great acts of kindness by those in our community and a tremendous amount of care for those in need. We have also seen businesses transform in an effort to serve this community during these challenging times.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME

If you have been the target of a hate crime or incident tied to the outbreak of COVID-19, we urge you to report it to the Orange County Human Relation Task Force by calling 714-480-6570 or follow the link here: <http://www.ochumanrelations.org/hatecrime/report/>

If you feel this incident could possibly be a hate crime, please also call the Huntington Beach Police Department at (714) 960-8811 to make a report.

Let us start making our community safer and healthier today by becoming OneHB.

Sincerely,

Robert Handy
Chief of Police

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