



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.4

Meeting Date: May 16, 2024

Subject: Approve Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Resolution No. 3413

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve proposed resolution.

Background/Rationale: May 2024 has been designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The month of May was initially chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. The Resolution recognizes the importance of the continued contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans within our community, state and nation.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

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Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes

Submitted by: Jasjit Singh, Board Member and 1st Vice President

Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 3413

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the Manila-Acapulco trade route settled; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made indelible contributions to the history of California and the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the Armed Forces, co-organizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, Bellingham Riots, Immigration Act of 1924, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, anti-miscegenation laws, Japanese internment, post 9/11 racism, Muslim Ban, and most recently anti-Asian hate; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, California is home to over 6.3 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, California is home to the first Sikh Gurdwara (Stockton Sikh Temple) and the first Buddhist Temple (San Francisco) built in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute 16 percent of California's population and represent diverse ancestries from Central Asia, East Asia, Hawai'i and Pacific Islands, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and West Asia, that account for over 60 percent of the world population; and

WHEREAS, California's Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally, and 31.5 percent of the nation's Asian-owned businesses are in California; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District has more than 9000 students who identify as Asian American Pacific Islander

WHEREAS, Federal law designates May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month" in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United States Code; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the month of May 2024 and every May thereafter be recognized as Asian American Pacific Islander heritage month in SCUSD.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 16h day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Lavinia Grace Phillips
President of the Board of Education

Lisa Allen
Secretary of the Board of Education