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**Subject:** FW: For May 10 Agenda - Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism Proclamation  
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**From:** doris mah  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 7:58:46 PM  
**Subject:** Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism Proclamation

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today to ask your council to consider proclaiming May 10, 2021, as the **“Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”** - a nationwide movement that was initiated by a group of grassroots activists in Burnaby, BC.

[Stand With Asians Coalition \(SWAC\)](#) is a community of people in Canada who are concerned about the surge of anti-Asian racism in our cities. Vancouver has seen a staggering increase of over 700%, Burnaby - 350% increase, and Ottawa - 600% increase in 2020. A recent federally-funded study reported 1150 cases of racist attacks in Canada last year. Forty percent were reported in Ontario and forty-four percent were reported in B.C. Sixty percent of the cases were reported by women.

*Stand With Asians Coalition* brings allies together to raise awareness and to combat anti-Asian racism. We must condemn all forms of hate in public spaces as it creates unsafe conditions for members of the Asian, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and Racialized Communities.

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada. The City of Burnaby is the first city in Canada that has officially made a proclamation, declaring May 10, 2021, as the **“Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”**. Many cities on the west coast, such as Vancouver, Surrey, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Richmond, the District of Missions and on the east coast, Toronto and Ottawa, are also in the process of considering a similar proclamation. SWAC is organizing a **National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism E Rally** on Zoom on May 10 at 5 PM PT/ 8 PM ET. Sign up [here](#).

I am writing to request that your council consider making a similar proclamation to support this initiative. Please see attached a copy of the City of Burnaby's proclamation. After the release of your proclamation, we ask that you kindly inform our SWAC organizer, Doris Mah, at 604-729-3107 or [doriswkmah@gmail.com](mailto:doriswkmah@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Doris Mah (she/her)  
Burnaby resident  
[SWAC](#) Organizer

I acknowledge that I live and work on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the həŋqəmiñəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, as well as all Coast Salish peoples.