

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 11:00 A.M.



COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, California

MICHAEL REYNOLDS
Chair

M. FAREED FARUKHI
Vice Chair

AMY BUCH
Commissioner

TANYA DOBY
Commissioner

MIKE HAMEL
Commissioner

JANY LEE
Commissioner

JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA
Commissioner

ADEY NYAMATHI
Commissioner

DR. KERRY REYNOLDS
Commissioner

RABBI RICK STEINBERG
Commissioner

JENNIFER S. WANG
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Buch, Farukhi, Lee, Matsuba, Nyamathi, K. Reynolds, M. Reynolds, Steinberg and Wang (all Members participated via Zoom)

ABSENT: Commissioners Doby and Hamel

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Norma Lopez (participated via Zoom)
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Jamie Ross & Dora Guillen, Deputy Clerks (participated via Zoom)

The Orange County Human Relations Commission is an independent advisory body, and our positions do not necessarily reflect the positions of the County of Orange Board of Supervisors.

1. Call the Meeting to Order
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:01 A.M., BY CHAIR M. REYNOLDS;
CLERK CALLED ROLL AND CONFIRMED A QUORUM**
2. Opening quote/reflection
**CHAIR M. REYNOLDS OPENED WITH REFLECTIONS ON HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY, GENOCIDES OCCURRING THROUGHOUT HISTORY
AND OCCURRING TODAY**

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3. Overview of Monthly Summary of Commission Activities

DISCUSSED

OPEN FORUM

Felicity Figueroa – Oral Re.: Genocide of Palestinian people; happy to see item on agenda regarding Deputy wearing 3% patch. Would like to have Deputy participating at protests in Washington, DC addressed.

Tiffany – Oral Re.: Her husband and neighbors have heard COVID/race related comments made towards them. Fearful of the neighborhood.

Pat Davis – Oral Re.: Board of Supervisors needs to provide resources for this Commission; granddaughter trying to get an ethnic study program; white supremacy rally in Huntington Beach.

ACTION ITEMS: (None)

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Item 4)

4. Commissioner authorization requests for events

NO REQUESTS

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION: (Items 5 - 6)

5. Update of Deputy wearing 3% patch

PRESENTED BY SHERIFF DON BARNES

6. Impact of Anti-Asian hate in OC communities

PRESENTED BY PRISCILLA HUANG

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Items 7 - 11)

7. Board resolution ad hoc update

NEXT AD HOC MEETING 4/9/21

8. Listening session ad hoc update

PRESENTED; REQUESTED COUNCIL PRESENTATION ON OC CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY FOR 5/13/21, 11:00 A.M., REGULAR MEETING

9. Commission staff reports:

- a. New Hate Crime Prevention Coordinator
- b. OC Together Dialogues on Race Relations invite

PRESENTED

10. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff

NO REPORT

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11. OCSD Interfaith Council update
PRESENTED; NEXT MEETING 4/28/21

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Farukhi – Oral Re.: Saw Norma on Channel 9 news regarding a panel regarding a hate incident in Leisure World. Panel was by Seal Beach Police Department. Requested a link to the segment.

Commissioner Steinberg – Oral Re.: Would like to attend a Board of Supervisors’ meeting the next time there is a discussion regarding something related to Commission.

Commissioners K. Reynolds, Buch and Matsuba – Oral Re.: Goodwill project update.

ADJOURNED: 12:17 P.M.

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1 Amy Buch	A = Abstained
2 Tanya Doby	X = Excused
3 M. Fareed Farukhi	
4 Mike Hamel	N = No
5 Jany Lee	C.O. = Commission Order
6 Jo-Anne P. Matsuba	
7 Adey Nyamathi	Reso = Resolution
8 Dr. Kerry Reynolds	Ord = Ordinance
9 Mike Reynolds	
10 Rabbi Rick Steinberg	
11 Jennifer S. Wang	

(1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)

/s/

MICHAEL REYNOLDS
Chair

/s/

Jamie Ross, Deputy
Clerk of the Commission

Commission Meeting Opening Rotational Schedule

Note: This calendar is subject to change if Commission goes dark in the Summer & in December.

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER	COMMISSION MEETING DATE
Michael Reynolds	July 9, 2020
Dr. Kerry Reynolds	August 13, 2020
Amy Buch	September 10, 2020
Dr. Adey Nyamathi	October 8, 2020
Fareed Farukhi	November 12, 2020
Jany Lee	December 10, 2020
Jany Lee	January 14, 2021
Jennifer S. Wang	February 14, 2021
Jo Anne P. Matsuba	March 11, 2021
Chief Mike Hamel	April 8, 2021
Rabbi Rick Steinberg	May 13, 2021
Michael Reynolds	June 10, 2021
Dr. Kerry Reynolds	July 8, 2021
Amy Buch	August 12, 2021



Orange County Human Relations Commission

MISSION: Seek out the causes of tension and conflict, discrimination and intolerance, and eliminate those causes

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: MARCH 2020

FY JUL 20 - JUN 21 Commission Activities Matrix		
CONTRACT ACTIVITY	Goal	To-Date
A. Monthly HRC meetings	12	9
B. HRC Annual Report	1	1
C. Police-Community Reconciliation cases	20	26
D. Community-Police Meetings	4	2
E. Chief's Advisory Boards & Sherriff's Interfaith Council	8	19
F. Community Outreach & Relationship Building meetings	40	63
G. Police/Diverse Community Dialogues	2	2
H. Hate Crime Report & Network Meeting	1	1
I. Support to hate crime victims	8	60
J. Outreach efforts (speeches, presentations, etc.)	10	11
K. Community training on intergroup relations topics	4	3
L. Annual Awards program	1	0
M. Participate in community-based/outreach symposiums	2	1

Police-Community Relations

- Commission staff attended two Tustin & Anaheim Police Chief Advisory board meetings this month.

Intergroup Relations & Relationship Building

- **Hate-motivated incidents, Community Conflict, & Crisis Response/Meetings**

- A total of 14 hate-motivated events reported this month.

Hate Crime	Anti-Asian	Threat, Harassment
Hate Crime	Anti-Latino	Vandalism
Hate Crime (TBConf)	Anti-Black	Vandalism, Threat
Hate Incident	Anti-Asian	COVID-related
Hate Incident	Anti-Asian	Trespassing, harassment
Hate Incident	Anti-Asian	Propaganda. Harassment
Hate Incident	Anti-Gay	Verbal Harassment in Public
Hate Incident	Anti-Asian & Anti-Black	Zoom bombing of public forum
Hate Incident	Anti-Asian	Harassment
Hate Incident	Anti-Muslim	Harassment via phone
Hate Incident	Anti-LGBTQ	Bomb threat – no substantial evidence classified as incident
Hate Incident	Anti-Latino	Harassment
Hate Incident	White Supremacy	Propaganda in public spaces
Hate Incident	Anti-Asian	Verbal harassment in public space
Hate Incident	Anti-Asian	Verbal Harassment

- **Relationship Building, Outreach, & Presentations**

- Commission staff presented Hate Activity data at the Board of Supervisors meeting on 3/23/21.
- Commission staff participated on two panels to speak about the rise of Anti-Asian hate with CSUF and Congresswoman Katie Porter.
- Commission staff attended various vigil events commemorating lives lost due to COVID-19 and standing in solidarity with Asian community against hate violence.



Anti-Asian Hate in OC Communities

Priscilla Huang, JD

OC Human Relations Commission Meeting

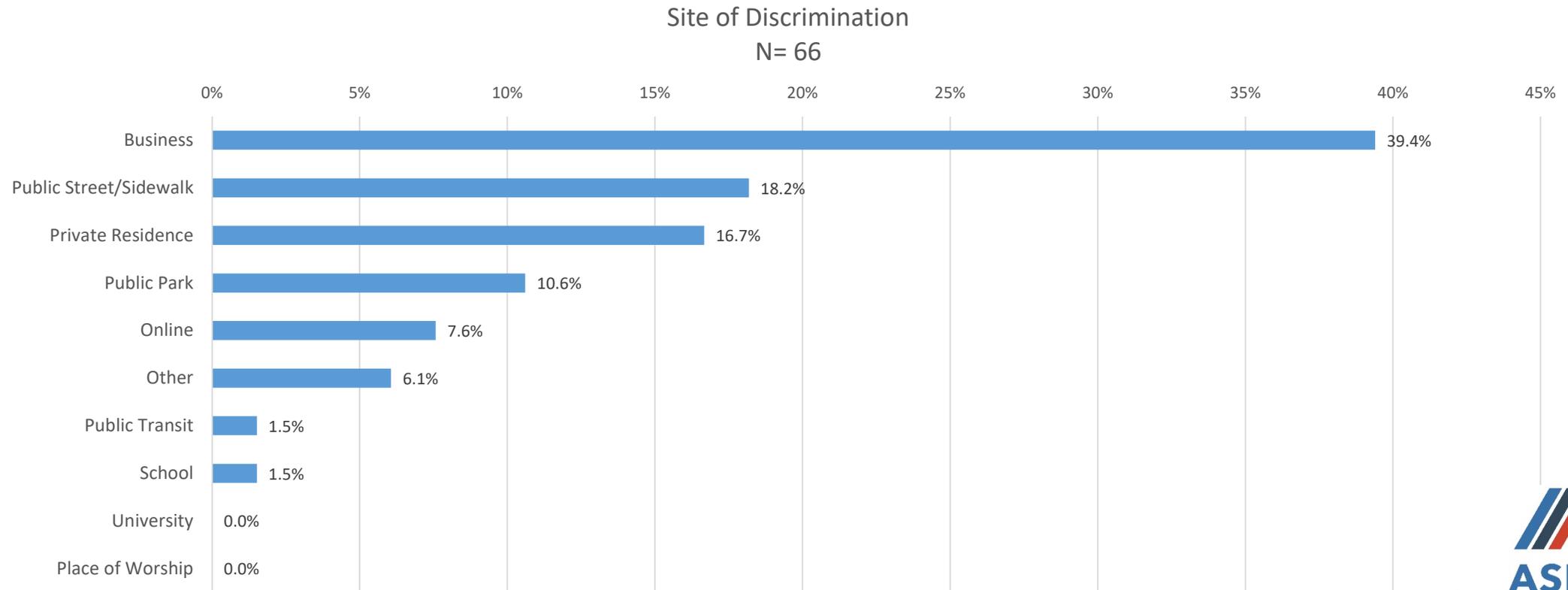
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Asian Americans in Action (A3)

- Founded in 2019
- Nonprofit advocacy organization that advocates for progressive policies, promotes Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) issues, and elevates the voices and stories of AAPIs in OC communities
- 7 member board of directors; 22 member advisory council
- Advocacy efforts to address anti-Asian hate



Anti-Asian racism and hate in OC (March – Nov 2020)

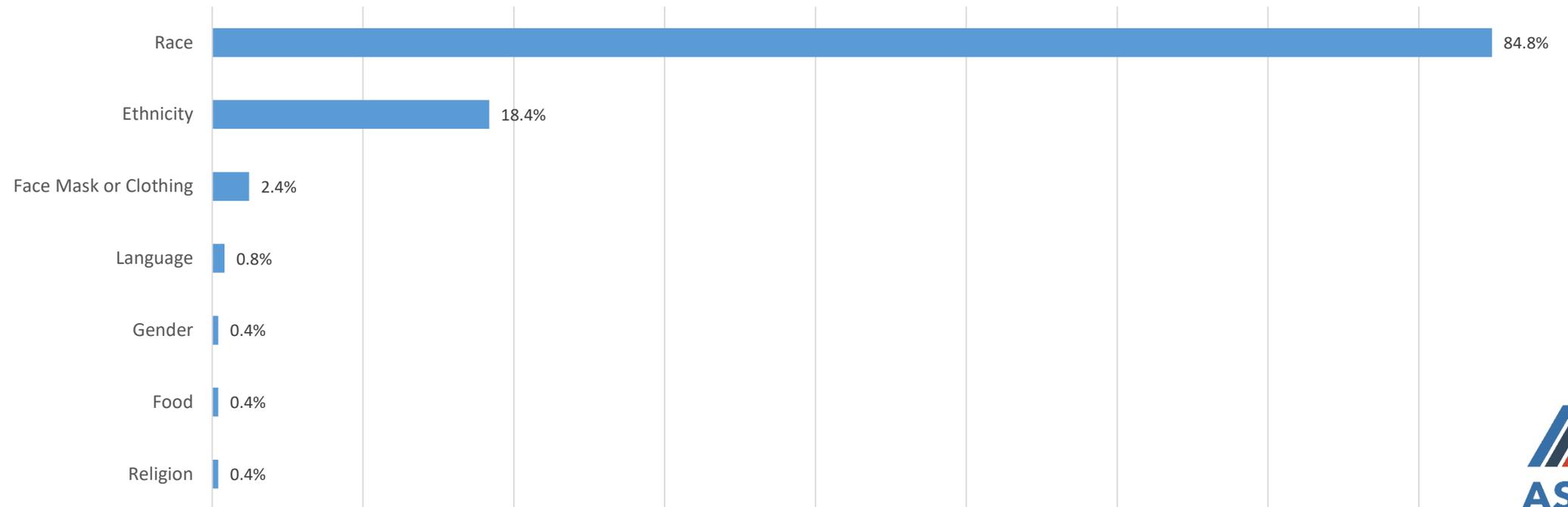


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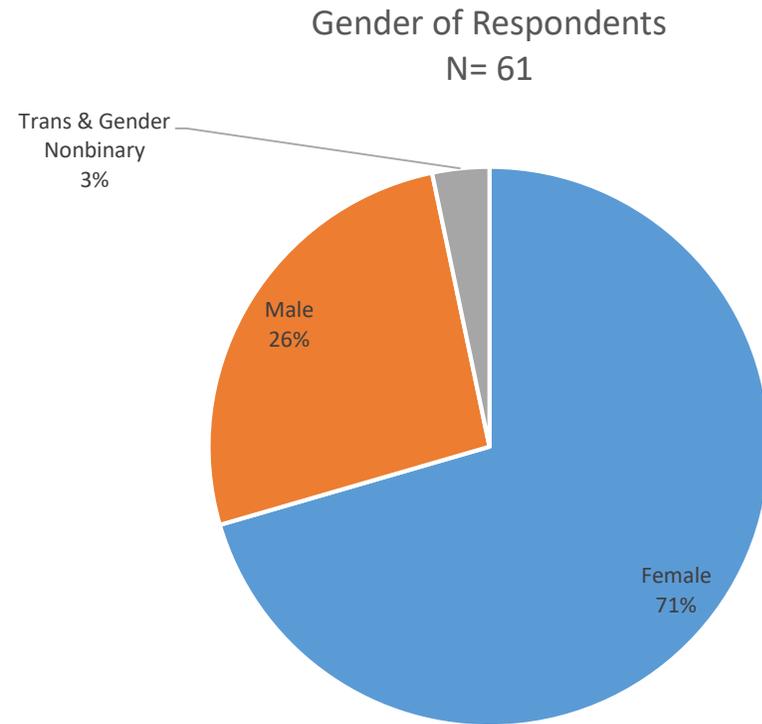
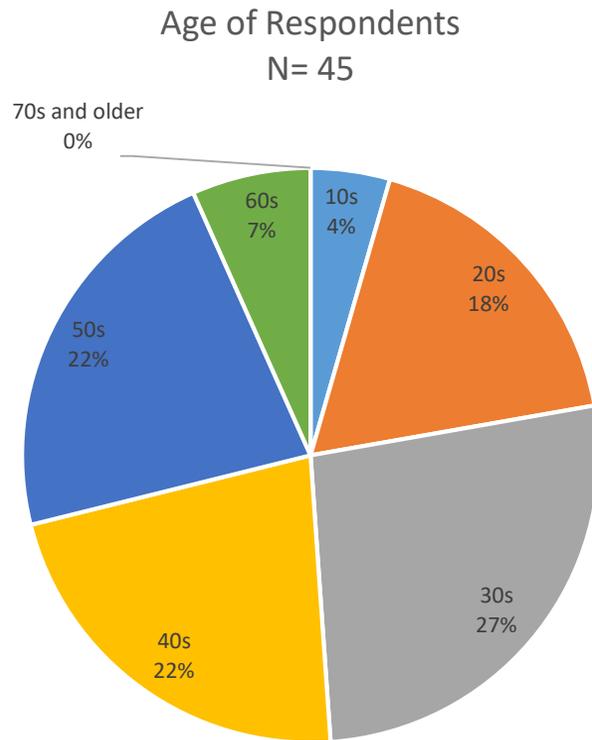
Suspected Reasons for Discrimination
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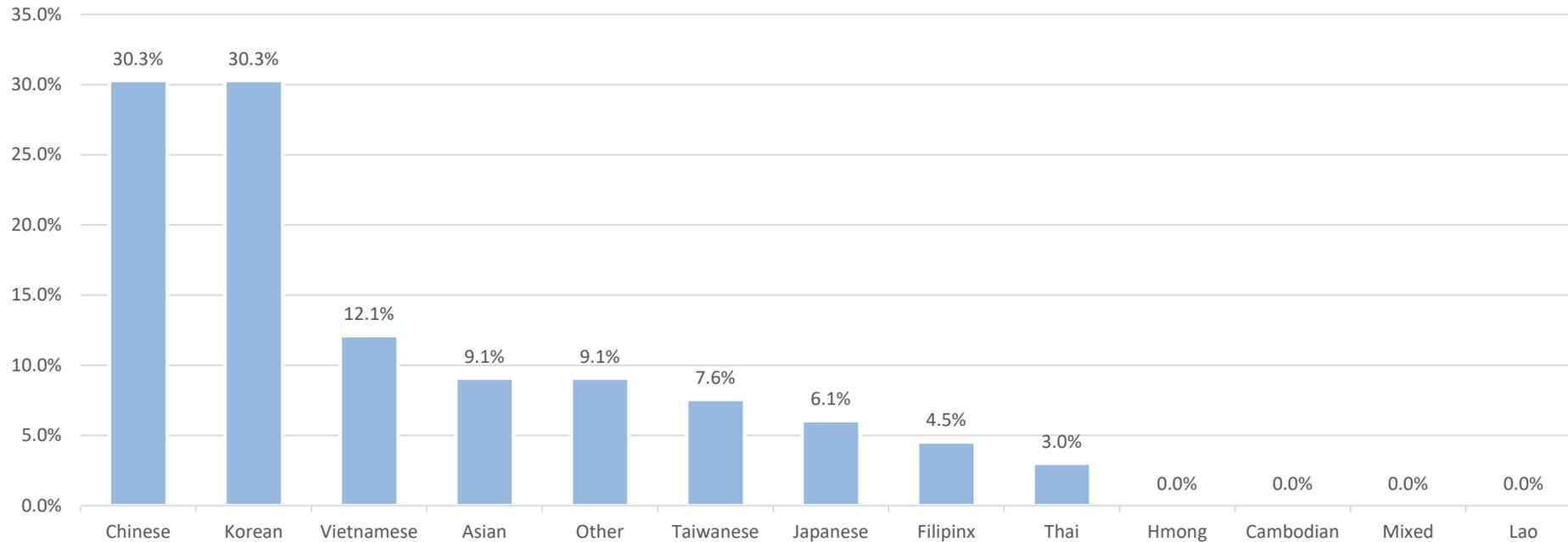


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Ethnicity of Respondents
N= 66



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Impacts of Anti-Asian Hate in OC

- Fear of going out in public
- School bullying
- Vandalism (at homes and businesses)
- Threatening phone calls at Asian American community-serving orgs
- Assault at COVID vaccination site run by an Asian American clinic
- Physical attacks



Importance of community input

- Affected communities should be at the center of the solution
- Community members go to trusted sources (non-profit organizations, places of worship, etc.) for assistance after a hate crime or incident
- CBOs provide victim assistance services (mental health assistance, rapid response, cultural navigation)
- Engagement from all BIPOC communities is needed to address racism and white supremacy at a structural and systemic level





OC Together Dialogues on Race Relations

OC Human Relations invites you to participate in honest, powerful, and sometimes difficult but always respectful conversations!

April 27, 2021

Racial Identity

5pm to 7pm (PST)

RSVP Safely Online (FREE)

http://bit.ly/OCHR_30

