

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA ANA REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 416 OF THE
FORMER SANTA ANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INSTRUCTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SANTA ANA
TO BURN WITH FIRE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF SAID
BUILDINGS KNOWN AS “CHINATOWN”

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1906, the Board of Health of the City of Santa Ana adopted a resolution declaring a case of leprosy “in the old buildings occupied by Chinese on the corner of Third and Bush streets” and recommending that such buildings be destroyed by fire; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1906, based on the above resolution, the Board of Trustees of the City of Santa Ana adopted Resolution No. 416 instructing the fire department of the City of Santa Ana “to burn with fire each and every one of said buildings known as ‘Chintatown’ and such contents as said Board deem proper” and “every other thing on said premises”; and

WHEREAS, this heinous action led to the destruction of homes, businesses, possessions and the displacement of Santa Ana’s Chinese community; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2022, the Santa Ana adopted Resolution No. XXX apologizing to Chinese immigrants and their descendants for acts of fundamental injustice and discrimination, seeking forgiveness, and committing to the rectification of past policies and misdeeds, including the dismantling and destruction of the City’s Chinatown in 1906; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to also expressly repeal Resolution No. 416 in order to completely condemn and reject the destruction of the City’s Chinatown in 1906.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana that it:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Santa Ana hereby unequivocally repeals Resolution No. 416 approved by the former Board of Trustees on May 25, 1906 that led to the destruction of homes, businesses, possessions and the displacement of Santa Ana’s Chinese community.

Section 2. The City Council calls upon the residents of the City of Santa Ana to affirm this promise—that we have learned from the tragedy of that long-ago experience forever to treasure and promote liberty, justice, and equality for every individual.

Section 3. The City Council resolves that this kind of action shall never again be repeated.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Vicente Sarmiento
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: _____
Brandon R. Salvatierra
Deputy City Attorney

AYES: Councilmembers _____

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _____

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Daisy Gomez, Clerk of the Council, do hereby certify the attached Resolution No. 2022 - _____ to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on _____, 2022.

Date: _____

Clerk of the Council
City of Santa Ana