


## Proclamation Request Form

Requests for the issuance of proclamations are governed by Council Policy (excerpted below). Requests must be received at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance date and may be emailed to the City Clerk at [ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca](mailto:ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca) or mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box 5035 LONDON, ON, N6A 4L9.

### Request details

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| Name of Organization<br>Stand With Asians Coalition  |
| Date Proclamation Required<br>May 10, 2022   |
| Proclamation Name<br>Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism   |
| Proclamation Type (day, week or month)<br>Day  |
| Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations)<br>Public awareness campaigns  |
| Requester Name<br>Candy Zheng  |
| Requester Telephone Number   |
| Requester Email Address<br>Admin@swacoalition.org  |
| Requester Address<br>SWAC, PMB#559, 105-7655 Edmonds St, Burnaby, BC, V3N0C3   |
| Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London<br>We bring 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.<br>Stand with Asians Coalition is working to unite municipalities across the country in acknowledging the impact of anti-Asian racism towards developing more effective policy initiatives & systemic change to protect all Canadians. |
| Required Supporting Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detail information on the Organization</li><li>• Detail information on the Event</li><li>• Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request</li></ul>   |
| The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws<br><br>Signature  Date Mar 27, 2022   |
| NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION<br><br>Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25</i> and may also be used for purposes related to the Issuance of Proclamations Policy and Proclamation Request Form. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk, 3rd floor, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON N6A 4L9. Tel: 519-661-2489, ext. 4937, email: <a href="mailto:csaunder@london.ca">csaunder@london.ca</a>                        |

**From:** Admin  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 11:55 AM  
**To:** Clerk's Approval Requests <ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca>  
**Cc:** David Sheng  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proclamation request

Hi,

I am writing today to request your council to proclaim May 10, 2022, 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 Canadian registered non-profit organization and a community of people in Canada who are concerned about the surge of anti-Asian racism in our cities. According to Statistics Canada Police-reported hate crimes against East and South East Asians has increased 301% in 2020\*

*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.

SWAC is organizing a virtual [National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism E Rally](#) on Zoom on May 10, 2022 at 5 PM PT/ 8 PM ET. More details will follow.

I am writing to request your council to make a city-wide proclamation by March 31, 2022 to support this important initiative. Please see attached application form, a sample wording of the proclamation and a one-pager about our organization.

City of Vancouver has issued their 2022 proclamation (see attached)

City of Ottawa and City of Toronto issued in 2021 as well and we will be receiving their proclamations for this year in a week or two.(see attached)

After the release of your proclamation, we ask that you kindly email an electronic copy to [admin@swacoalition.org](mailto:admin@swacoalition.org) so that we can post it on social media. Should you have any questions about this request, please contact me at [admin@swacoalition.org](mailto:admin@swacoalition.org). Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

\*<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2021001/article/00013-eng.htm>

*Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2020*

*Police-reported hate crime during the COVID-19 pandemic*

Candy Zheng

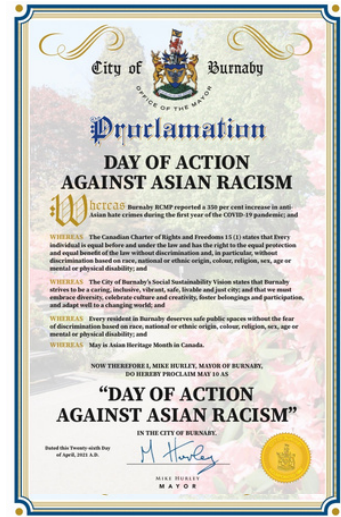
Member of Stand with Asians Coalition

# STAND WITH ASIANS COALITION



## What is the Stand with Asians Coalition (SWAC)?

Stand with Asians Coalition (SWAC) is a grassroots movement with the goal of raising the awareness of the rise of anti-Asian racism and hate crimes. SWAC is centered around a Facebook group of more than 2500 members. SWAC secured a City of Burnaby Proclamation to declare May 10, 2021 as the National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism. The same proclamation was made by over 40 cities across Canada, impacting and representing nearly 9 million Canadians.



Since proclaiming May 10 as the National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism in 2021, SWAC has helped organize anti-racism solidarity rallies in Richmond and Surrey. After the horrific discovery of the 215 First Nations Children's remains in Kamloops in June 2021, SWAC partnered with the City of Burnaby and set up a shoe memorial in Metrotown Library to commemorate the victims and individuals who were impacted by Canada's residential school system, both directly and through intergenerational distress.



## SWAC's Plans for 2022

SWAC aims to unite municipalities across the country in proclaiming May 10, 2022, as the National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism. In addition, SWAC plans to host events (socially distanced in-person, or via Zoom depending on COVID-19 regulations) throughout the year. Information on future events can be found at [swacoalition.org](http://swacoalition.org) or our Facebook page.

## Join Us

We are always looking for help and support at SWAC. You can support us simply by joining our Facebook group to stay updated on our upcoming events, or by volunteering to be a proclamation ambassador for your community.

WHEREAS, The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms gives everyone equal rights “without discrimination and, in particular without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability”

AND WHEREAS, in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Canadian society, racism and acts of hatred have no place in any of our provinces, territories, regions, towns and cities and Canadians must come together to call all acts of racism and hatred; yet there has been a dramatic surge in incidents of racism across Canada, particularly instances of anti-Asian racism across Canada\*

AND WHEREAS, According to Statistics Canada Police-reported hate crimes against East and South East Asians has increased 301% in 2020\*

AND WHEREAS, **Stand With Asians Coalition** (SWAC) brings allies together, across our country to raise awareness and to combat anti-Asian racism by calling out racism where it occurs each and every time,

AND WHEREAS, aiming to maintain our values as inclusive and racially diverse Canadians, we support the Stand With Asians Coalition to build a stronger, more inclusive society where everyone can feel safe, happy and healthy;

We therefore join SWAC to declare May 10, 2022, to be Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism

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Office of the Mayor  
**CITY OF VANCOUVER**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Proclamation

## "DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN RACISM"

- WHEREAS The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms gives everyone equal rights "without discrimination and, in particular without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability";
- AND WHEREAS In 21<sup>st</sup> Century Canadian society, racism and acts of hatred have no place in any of our provinces, territories, regions, towns and cities and Canadians must come together to call all acts of racism and hatred; yet there has been a dramatic surge in incidents of racism across Canada, particularly instances of anti-Asian racism across Canada;
- AND WHEREAS According to Statistics Canada Police-reported hate crimes against East and South East Asians has increased 301% in 2020;
- AND WHEREAS Stand With Asians Coalition (SWAC) brings allies together, across our country to raise awareness and to combat anti-Asian racism by calling out racism where it occurs each and every time;
- AND WHEREAS Aiming to maintain our values as inclusive and racially diverse Canadians, we support the Stand With Asians Coalition to build a stronger, more inclusive society where everyone can feel safe, happy and healthy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

## "DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN RACISM"

in the City of Vancouver.



Kennedy Stewart  
MAYOR



**DAY OF ACTION AGAINST  
ANTI-ASIAN RACISM**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, anti-Asian racism and hatred have always existed and become heightened and weaponized within cities around the world during times of crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, anti-Asian hate crimes in Ottawa have increased 600% between 2019 and 2020 with most cases going unreported; and

**WHEREAS**, intimidation, threats, harassment, and assaults against Asian residents create a culture of fear and violence in Ottawa; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian residents of Ottawa deserve to be safe and welcome in the city they call home; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ottawa recognizes the responsibility of all community members in creating a safe, inclusive, and welcoming city by acknowledging and confronting racism when and where it occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ottawa is committed to preventing, countering, and mitigating hatred and stands in solidarity against the racism experienced by its Asian residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ottawa condemns all forms of racism and is working to increase public awareness of racism and to provide tools for anti-racism education;

**THEREFORE**, I, Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, do hereby proclaim **May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 a Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism** in Ottawa.

**Jim Watson  
Mayor / Maire**

**JOURNÉE D'ACTION CONTRE  
LE RACISME ANTI-ASIATIQUE**

**Le 10 mai 2021**

**ATTENDU QUE** le racisme et la haine à l'endroit des Asiatiques existent depuis toujours et que ces sentiments sont exacerbés et instrumentalisés dans les villes du monde entier en période de crise; et

**ATTENDU QUE** le nombre de crimes haineux à l'encontre des Asiatiques à Ottawa a augmenté de 600 % entre 2019 et 2020, la plupart des cas n'ayant pas été signalés; et

**ATTENDU QUE** l'intimidation, les menaces, le harcèlement et les agressions ciblant des résidents asiatiques créent une culture de la peur et de la violence à Ottawa; et

**ATTENDU QUE** les résidents asiatiques d'Ottawa méritent d'être en sécurité et de se sentir chez eux dans la ville qu'ils considèrent comme la leur; et

**ATTENDU QUE** la Ville d'Ottawa tient à souligner que tous les membres de la collectivité ont un rôle à jouer dans la création d'une ville sécuritaire, inclusive et accueillante en reconnaissant le racisme et en s'y attaquant à l'endroit et au moment où ils en sont témoins; et

**ATTENDU QUE** la Ville d'Ottawa est bien résolue à prévenir, à combattre et à réduire la haine, qu'elle ne cédera rien et demeurera solidaire des résidents asiatiques victimes de racisme; et

**ATTENDU QUE** la Ville d'Ottawa condamne toute forme de racisme et s'attache à sensibiliser le public au racisme et à fournir des outils pour l'éducation contre le racisme;

**PAR CONSÉQUENT**, je, Jim Watson, maire de la Ville d'Ottawa, proclame par la présente **le 10 mai 2021 Journée d'action contre le racisme anti-asiatique** à Ottawa.



# *Proclamation*

## **Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism**

**May 10, 2021**

WHEREAS this day is dedicated to recognizing Toronto's Asian community and raising awareness of the racism being experienced by Asian-Canadians.

Over the past year, we have seen an increase of racism and violence against Asian communities and residents in our city. Together, we must speak out and take a firm stand against any form of racism and discrimination that our residents experience.

Our Asian community is made up of valued residents who should always feel safe in our city. The City of Toronto will continue its work to address and end anti-Asian racism, and to empower individuals and communities to stand up against hatred, intolerance and discrimination.

Toronto City Council has condemned recent anti-Asian racism and restated its commitment to being proactive in preventing such acts to ensure an inclusive and welcoming city for all Toronto residents.

The City of Toronto acknowledges the valued contributions that Toronto's diverse heritage makes to strengthen our society and contribute to our city's motto "*Diversity Our Strength*". Diversity strengthens us socially, politically, culturally and economically. Toronto has become a model city where all nationalities and ethnicities are respected and accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 10, 2021** as "**Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto