

BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION expressing regret for the anti-Chinese legislation passed by the Washington Territory and previous Seattle City Councils, recognizing the past and continuing contributions of the Chinese to Seattle and reaffirming the City's commitment to the civil rights of all people.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

A wave of anti-Chinese sentiment swept the United States including Washington Territory. Federal immigration laws were enacted to limit the number of Chinese in the United States, and to restrict their status by denying them the right to bring their families to join them and denying them the right to become U.S. Citizens. Local jurisdictions also passed Anti-Chinese legislation that were intended to restrict their ability to remain in the United States, and to economically support themselves. Anti-Chinese sentiment erupted into physical violence in many locations including Seattle where the Chinese were forcibly removed.

Despite these hardships, the Chinese continued to positively contribute to the growth and development of Seattle and established a community known in Seattle that continues to this day.

Consistent with the City's commitment to Race and Social Equity, this Resolution acknowledges this history, the significant positive contributions past and present of the Chinese to this City and re-affirms the City's commitment to the civil rights of all people.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Please check one:

This legislation has direct financial implications. (If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" section.)

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.
(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-i.)

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**
No
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?** No
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No
- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No
- e) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No
- f) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** No
- g) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**
This Resolution is consistent with and supportive of the City's RSJI goals by acknowledging past acts of institutional racism and re-affirming the City's commitment to race and social equity.
- h) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.** No
- i) **Other Issues:** N/A

List attachments below: N/A