

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FILE 24-2660 – Issued: 5/15/2024
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN DATA INCLUSION

WHEREAS, Cook County is one of the largest and most racially, ethnically and linguistically diverse counties in the country; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government is committed to supporting equitable, inclusive and accessible government; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government must collect accurate data to understand and serve the specific needs of its diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes Asian Americans as a minority group; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans include people whose origins and ancestries lie in East Asia, Southeast Asia, Pacific Islands and South Asia ~~the Indian subcontinent~~; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans come from over 40 countries, ~~include over 20 ethnicities~~ speaking 2,300 languages and dialects; and

WHEREAS, there were approximately 409,000 Asian American residents in Cook County representing 7.7% of the County's population according to the 2020 US Census; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans experienced a 28.2% population increase, the fastest highest population growth rate in Cook County between 2010 and 2020, according the US Census Bureau; and

~~**WHEREAS**, Cook County recognizes Asian Americans as a minority group; and~~

~~**WHEREAS**, Cook County recognizes the rise in anti-Asian hate and discrimination; and~~

WHEREAS, Cook County does not comprehensively or consistently collect or present data on Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the lack of comprehensive and consistent data on Asian Americans ~~and~~ hinders Cook County's ability to understand and serve these communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Cook County Offices Under the President research that include racial and ethnic data collection must include Asian American data collection, with ethnicity disaggregation where relevant and available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Cook County Offices Under the President ~~Government~~ reports and presentations that include racial and ethnic data, analysis and recommendations, must include Asian American data, with disaggregated ethnicity data, when available.