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Council approves statement regarding recent social media posts

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - At the June 19, 2019 special meeting, Mayor Tri Ta, Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho, and Council Member Chi Charlie Nguyen voted to issue a press release denouncing recent comments made on social media by Council Member Tai Do. One post stated, “Westminster is officially now Ho Chi Minh City.” A second post added the names of Mayor Ta, Vice Mayor Ho, and Council Member Nguyen.

Mayor Ta called the special meeting to discuss “divisive and damaging comments and social media posts.”

A motion was made by Council Member Nguyen and seconded by Mayor Ta to direct staff to issue the following statement:

“The Westminster Council has never discussed or thought of changing the name of the ‘All American City’ into any unacceptable communist city.”

The motion also denounced “the statement posted on social media by Council Member Tai Do, accusing his colleagues and trying to maliciously slander [their] names and characters...by naming other council members in his statement.”

The statement was approved 3-1-1. Council Member Do voted no. Council Member Sergio Contreras was unable to attend the meeting.