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Mayor Tom Barrett released the following statement regarding COVID-19:

“The World Health Organization has urged people to be careful with language used to describe COVID-19, insisting that it should not be referred to as the ‘Chinese’ or ‘Wuhan’ virus. In this time of heightening tensions, there are serious concerns in the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders community about scapegoating and becoming the targets of misplaced fear and anger. I oppose any expressions of racism and xenophobia at all levels. No one should live in fear because of where they came from or what they look like. This virus knows no borders. It’s wisest to use official names for this pandemic, especially if there is potential to do harm.”

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