

Joint Statement of Solidarity Condemning Anti-Asian Violence

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As community-based organizations and foundations committed to racial equity and justice for Asian and Pacific Islander, Black, Indigenous, and Latino communities of color, we come together to send a clear, unified message of solidarity opposing xenophobia, discrimination, and violence. We denounce the recent violent crimes perpetrated against the elderly Asian American community within the Bay Area and nationally. We stand in solidarity with the victims, their families, and all who have been affected by these horrific acts.

Attacks against the API community are not new, and the pandemic has exacerbated the long history of anti-Asian rhetoric and xenophobia. Whether race-based crimes or crimes of opportunity, we cannot allow these heinous acts against our elders to continue. We call for our elected leaders to take swift action to protect our ethnically diverse communities from further violence. We call for solutions that address the root cause of such violence by investing in education, resources, and community-based solutions, such as:

- Raising awareness and ending the silence by insisting that our diverse community and elected leaders speak publicly on mainstream and ethnic media condemning these attacks;
- Prioritizing community-based response to protect vulnerable communities that does not involve or rely on increased law enforcement intervention and perpetuate violence and trauma against Black and Brown communities. Our communities have organized and advanced community solutions to ensure safety for generations. We must honor this wisdom and experience and use it to guide solutions now; and
- Conducting cross-cultural community education to promote empathy, understanding, and a shared responsibility for an end to violence and communal healing.

The API community continues to be the target of racism and hate-based violence, compounded by the social consequences and rhetoric of the COVID-19 pandemic. We need a systemic, comprehensive, and multi-racial approach to address racism at all levels. If we want to succeed in ending hateful attacks against any of our communities, we must stand together, work together, and denounce racism together.

In Solidarity,

African Diaspora Network

ALF AAPI Caucus

ALFSV

Alum Rock Counseling Center

American Muslim Community Foundation

APJCC Preschool

Asian American Recovery Services, a program of HealthRIGHT 360

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)

Asian Law Alliance
Behavioral Health Contractors' Association
CAIR San Francisco Bay Area
Cambodian Women's Association
Caminar
City Year San José/Silicon Valley
Coalition for Justice and Accountability
Community Health Partnership
Community Services Agency
Community Solutions
Destination: Home
Gardner Health Services
Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley
Horizon Services
Indian Business & Professional Women
Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley
International Children Assistance Network
JCRC of Jewish Silicon Valley
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
LifeMoves
Lighthouse of Hope Counseling Center
Maitri
Mekong Community Center
Momentum for Health
Morado Consulting
NAMI Santa Clara County
National Compadres Network
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence
Our City Forest
Pakistani American Community Center
Parisi House on the Hill
Project Safety Net, Inc.
Recovery Cafe San Jose
Sacred Heart Community Service
San Jose Nikkei Resisters
San Jose Taiko
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits
SOMOS Mayfair
SV@Home
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

The Health Trust
The Wilfred Jarvis Institute
United Way Bay Area
University of Hawaii at Hilo
Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action
Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation (VIVO)
Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Service Center
YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley