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Asian Organizations Across the Bay Area Join Forces to Demand Action Against Violence

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We, the undersigned organizations, denounce violence against members of Asian American communities in San Francisco, Oakland, and the greater Bay Area. We stand in solidarity with victims, survivors, and families who have suffered loss and pain.

These violent assaults have made the especially difficult circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic even more painful. From our Chinese, Thai, and Vietnamese elders to our youth, our Asian American communities are traumatized, afraid, and outraged during a time when we are also experiencing disproportionate impacts of the pandemic. These include mass unemployment, safety risks to frontline workers, insecure housing, the shuttering of our local small businesses, and a surge in anti-Asian racism.

In the past year, we have seen an escalation of violence and other incidents against Asian American communities. The Stop AAPI Hate reporting center documented 2,808 hate incidents in 2020. Over 700 of these occurred in the Bay Area. And while we should not make any assumptions about the reasons behind these recent incidents – whether racially motivated or not – they have profound impacts on our Asian communities across the country and internationally. Our elderly community members, along with their families, are fearful of being in public alone, simply going for a walk, and living their daily lives. And survivors of interpersonal violence and their families have historically not received enough culturally-competent and language-accessible support across government systems.

We recognize that violence affects all of us and all of our communities. We must invest in long-term community-centered solutions that create spaces for cross-racial healing that address underlying causes and create ways for all to thrive. We believe that our strength is in unity, not division, and that our histories and our futures are intertwined. That is why we are committed to working with Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Pacific Islander communities for long-term shared vision and solutions to stop the violence in all our communities.

We also recognize that it is up to us to keep our communities accountable and to holistically respond to generational trauma and violence. It is up to us to imagine what real safety could look like for our people, and to build the future we want to see – one that is grounded in accountability, justice, and care for each other.

As the Lunar New Year approaches, we must all come together to protect the safety of our community members who are feeling vulnerable during what should be a celebratory time. The cities of San Francisco and Oakland leadership must immediately increase culturally-relevant and trauma-informed investments that:

1. Ensure victims and survivors of all backgrounds and language abilities receive full supportive services so they can recover and heal.
2. Expand intervention- and prevention-based programs and invest in basic needs and community-based infrastructure that we know will end the cycle of violence and keep all of us safer.
3. Resource cross-community education and healing in Asian American and Black communities that humanizes all of us rather than demonizes or scapegoats any community of color.

As organizations with a long history of protecting and advancing the rights of communities of color, we know that an over-reliance on law enforcement approaches has largely been ineffective and has been disproportionately harmful to Black communities and other communities of color. We believe the solution to violence is to empower our communities with resources, support, and education – this is how we make all of our communities safe.

See below for a list of the 93 organizations that have signed our statement.

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AAPIs for Civic Empowerment Education Fund (AAPI FORCE-EF)

AAPI Women Lead

APA Family Support Services

APALA, Alameda County Chapter

APALA, Inland Empire Chapter

APALA, San Diego Chapter

APALA, San Francisco Chapter

APALA, Orange County Chapter

APAPA, San Francisco Chapter

API Equality - Northern California

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

Asian American Women Artists Association

Asian Health Services

Asian Immigrant Women Advocates

Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County

Asian Pacific Islander Council of San Francisco (API Council)

Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center

API Equality Northern California (APIENC)

Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC)

Asian Immigrant Women Advocates

Asian Law Alliance

Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Asian Pacific Fund

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach

Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council

Asian Refugees United

Asians 4 Black Lives

AYPAL: Building API Community Power

Filipino Americans in Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (FASTER)

Filipino Community Center

Hella Heart Oakland

Hmong Innovating Politics

Japanese American Citizens' League (JACL), Berkeley Chapter

Japanese American Citizens' League (JACL), Contra Costa County

Japanese American Citizens' League (JACL), Eden Township

Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), NorCal-W. Nevada-Pacific District

Japanese American Citizens' League (JACL), Sacramento Chapter

Japanese American Citizens' League (JACL), San Francisco Chapter

Japanese Americans For Justice

Inner Eye Arts

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

Korean American Community Foundation of San Francisco

Korean Community Center of East Bay

Legal Assistance to the Elderly

The Lunar Project

Malaya Movement SF

Mujeres Unidas y Activas

NAPAWF Bay Area

New Breath Foundation

NICOS Chinese Health Coalition

Nihonmachi Outreach Committee

North East Medical Services (NEMS)

Oakland Asian Cultural Center

Oakland Rising

Parent Voices Oakland

Pin@y Educational Partnerships

Pine United Methodist Church - San Francisco

Prism Foundation

Bay Rising

Project by Project

Cal-NeV Philippine Solidarity Task Force (UMC)

Rose Pak Democratic Club

Center for Empowering Refugees and Immigrants (CERI)

Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown

Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC)

San Francisco Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines

Chinese for Affirmative Action

San Francisco Rising

Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco

Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance

Chinese Health Initiative San Mateo County

SFSU: Department of Asian American Studies

Chinese Progressive Association

Silicon Valley Rising

Communities as One

SOMA Pilipinas: Filipino Cultural Heritage District

Community Youth Center

South Bay Youth Changemakers

CSU East Bay Ethnic Studies Department

Southeast Asian Development Center (SEADC)

Donors of Color Network

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East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE)

Stop AAPI Hate

East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC)

Tuff Love Self-defense

Family Bridges

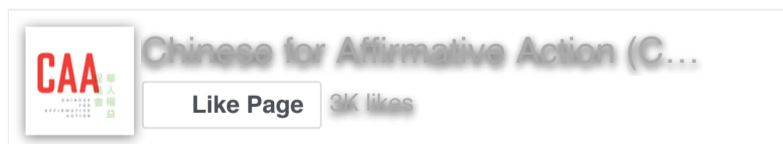
Urgent Action Fund

Filipino Advocates for Justice

West Coast Children's Clinic

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