

Call on President Biden for Emergency Safety and Relief for Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

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The Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (“AANHPI”) community needs safety immediately. And we need help to recover – not just from the economic damage and loss of life and health wrought by the COVID pandemic – but also from the racialized scapegoating and hate wrought by a former Presidential Administration who openly blamed the pandemic on Asians. President Trump extended the wounds of the AANHPI community and invited hate-filled white supremacists to pour salt on them. It is open season on Asian American women and girls, transgender and gender non-conforming, undocumented and immigrant communities. Our Asian elders are not safe walking on the streets for fear of getting sliced, punched, shoved, kicked and spit on. Our children endure bullying and are all but invisible in what they learn about in school. Our businesses are shuttered, our homes graffitied. And Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities are suffering some of the worst impacts of the COVID pandemic.

We can’t wait any longer. We call on President Biden and Vice President Harris to take immediate action to stem the crisis in anti-Asian violence right now and to commit to extended partnership with the AANHPI community for long term safety, recovery and resilience.

The Presidential Memo from January 26th was an important step but did nothing to prevent eight people from dying on Tuesday, March 16th or from Xiao Zhen Xie, the 76 year old grandma in San Francisco from getting punched in the face. Our communities are confused, angry, sad and terrified. Many are frightened to attend vigils in person - despite their need to mourn, grieve, and come together as a community. "What if they just shoot me?" is the trauma response right now. We are all struggling to protect our own families.

Therefore, we ask the Biden-Harris Administration to immediately commit \$100 million towards addressing anti-Asian hate through community-based solutions that center the experiences and demands of Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations that work directly with, advocate for, and organize community members who are most vulnerable to being targeted by hate, bias and violence right now and an additional \$200 million towards longer-term community safety, recovery and resilience in the upcoming Federal budget.

We need this federal resource commitment to be targeted towards:

- Providing funds for holistic wrap-around victim assistance services including in-language hate reporting, mental health, comprehensive support, system navigation and advocacy for victims and survivors
- Creating alternatives to law enforcement including violence prevention, crisis intervention and transformative justice programs that are culturally and linguistically accessible and that focus on vulnerable members of our communities including but not limited to working class people, undocumented and immigrant communities, women, LGBTQ communities, people of faith

- Creating a federal interagency task force staffed at the White House that coordinates efforts of the federal government, and meets regularly with local and national AANHPI organizations and advocates, coordinates governmental response, that protects the civil rights of AANHPI communities, provides arts and cultural programming, and supports development and dissemination of in-language public outreach materials and resources
- Supporting community-based organizations that are on the frontlines of crisis response and recovery to build community infrastructure over the long term
- Supporting programming that encourages cross-racial dialogues and community building
- Providing relief for AANHPI essential workers and low-wage workers who are confronting the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism, including support and benefits for undocumented and immigrant AAPI community members
- Resources should be disaggregated to ensure that they are appropriately directed to Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and organizations on the ground
- Including the voices of Pacific Islanders by meeting specifically with Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and adding NHPI representation on the COVID Equity Taskforce.

We also look forward to continued engagement with the White House on the full range of policy demands focused on addressing safety, recovery and resilience for AANHPI communities. Anti-Asian hate and all forms of racism are a part of the American experience, past and present. But it doesn't need to be part of our future. What we do now matters for our families and communities -- today and in the long run.

Signed,

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Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

National Council of Asian Pacific Americans

18 Million Rising

88rising

9/11 Environmental Action

AAJC - Asian Law Caucus

AAPIs for Civic Empowerment

Academy of Medical & Public Health Services (AMPHS)

Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH)

Afghan-American Foundation

Ain Dah Yung Center

Alianza Nacional de Campesinas

All* Above All Action Fund

Alliance for a Just Society

Alliance of Rhode Island Southeast Asians for Education (ARISE)

Alvarez and Marsal

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

American Indians in Texas Spanish Colonial Missions
Americans for Indian Opportunity
Amnesty International USA
Amplify Her
Amy Yip Coaching
andJustice4All (aj4A.org)
AnitaB.org
Anti-Racism Task Force - Massachusetts Mental Health Center
APAPA New York Chapter
Apex for Youth
API Equality-LA
API Middle Tennessee
Apicha Community Health Center
Apna Ghar, Inc.
Arab American Association of New York
Arab-American Family Support Center
AREAA Ventura County Chapter
ARTogether
AsAmNews
Ashausa.org
Asian American / Asian Research Institute - City University of New York
Asian American advancing Justice
Asian American Arts Alliance
Asian American Democrats of South Texas
Asian American Feminist Collective
Asian American Organizing Project (AAOP)
Asian American Political Association
Asian American Progressive Student Union
Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center (AASCSC)
Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders for Justice San Antonio, TX
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago
Asian Americans for Equality
Asian Americans in Action
Asian Americans United
Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition of Washington State
Asian Brotherhood of America
Asian CineVision
Asian Community Development Corporation
Asian Corporate and Entrepreneur Leaders
Asian Counseling and Referral Service
Asian Democrats Central Texas

Asian Economic Development Association
Asian Investors Network
Asian Leaders Alliance
Asian Media Access
Asian Minnesota Alliance for Justice AMAJ
Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center
Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, Alameda County Chapter
Asian Pacific Environmental Network
Asian Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce & Entrepreneurship (National ACE)
Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association
Asian Pacific Islander Political Alliance (API PA)
Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council
Asian Resources, Inc
Asian Services In Action (ASIA)
Asian Solidarity Collective
Asian Students in America (ASIA)
Asian Youth Center (AYC)
ASIAN, Inc. 美亞輔鄰社
Associate Students Inc. - Cal State East Bay
Association of Chinese Americans, Inc.
Atlanta Women for Equality
BAAD! Bronx Academy of Arts & Dance
Bayanihan Collective
Be A Hero
BeautifulEnglish.net
Bellerophontes
Bosma Consulting
bossy philosophy
BPSOS Center for Community Advancement
Brandworkers
Bridging Cultures Group Inc.
Brookline Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce
Brown Boi Project
CA Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
CAAAV: Organizing Asian Communities
CAIR San Francisco Bay Area
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
California State University Dominguez Hills
California Teachers Association (CTA)
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center
Campaign for NY Health

Can't Stop! Won't Stop! Consulting
Caneiwalk
Caribbean Women's Health Association, Inc.
CBS
CBTU
Center for All Abilities
Center for Asian American Media
Center for Common Ground
Center for Disability Rights
Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY
center for panasian community services,inc.
Central Queens Independent Democrats (CQuID)
CERCL-FP
Chhaya CDC
Chief Seattle Club
Chinatown Cardiology, P.C.
Chinatown Community Development Center
Chinatown Main Street
Chinese American Museum of Chicago
Chinese Progressive Association
Chinese Progressive Association-NY
Chinese-American Family Alliance for Mental Health
Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)
CMP
Coaching With Empathy
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF)
Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL)
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Colectivo Intercultural Collective
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity & Reproductive Rights (COLOR)
Commission on the public's health system
Community Action Made 4 People (CAMP)
Computer Technologies BA, LLC
Connecticut Worker Center
Consortium of Asian American Theaters and Artists
Council of Korean Americans
Counseling Care Circle
Cranes for Change
CrowdSource Rescue / RGV Rescue Team
Dandelion Global, LLC
Dash of Ting
Denver Indian Center,Inc.
DFW Volunteering Group

Diamond Software Services
Discovery, Inc.
Doctors Council
Donaldina Cameron House
Donateppe.org
Dr. Marissa Inc.
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation
El Puente
Eleete LLC
ELEVATE AAPI @ Irvine Valley College
EM Collective
EMBARC
Emilio-Vision, LLC
Equality Florida
Equity Forward
FASTER - Filipino Americans in Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math
Feminist Majority Foundation
Feminist Majority Foundation
Fifth Avenue Committee
FilAmplified
Filipino Advocates for Justice
Filipinx for Immigrant Rights & Racial Justice Minnesota
Filipinx Mental Health Initiative - Solano
Forest Hills Asian Association
Forward Foods
Freedom Network USA
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Friends of the Earth
Fullerton Rosewood Assisted Living
GABRIELA USA
GAPIMNY — Empowering Queer & Trans Asian Pacific Islanders
GGE Media
Girls for Gender Equity
Girls Inc.
Girls Who Code
GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA)
Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights
Great Small Works
Habonim Dror North America
Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
Happy Family Night Market
Hate Is A Virus
Hawaii Speech Language Hearing Association

HEART Women & Girls
Her Village Inc.
Higher Potential Consulting
Hmong Innovating Politics (HIP)
Hollaback!
Ibis Reproductive Health
If/When/How - New York Law School
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
IHS Markit
Immigrant Social Services, Inc.
Immigrants Rising
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda
India Home inc
Individual
Indivisible YorktownNY
Inside Change
Institute for Women's Policy Research
Interim Community Development Association
Ipas
Ironworkers Mid-Atlantic States District Council
Jakara Movement
Jane's Due Process
Japanese American Citizens League
Japanese American Citizens League - New York Chapter (JACL-NY)
Japanese American Social Services, Inc.
Just Counsel
Justice for Migrant Women
Justice For Muslims Collective
KAN-WIN
Kansas City Indian Center
Khmer Girls in Action
Kits to Heart
Korean American Center
Korean Community Center of the East Bay
Korean Community Services
Korean Resource Center
Lambda chi rho gamma
Laotian American National Alliance
LAS VEGAS INDIAN CTR
LE GaFa, Leadership and Education through Gagana Fa'a Samoa
Leaders Forum
League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro
LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics)

Leda Health
Legal Aid at Work
Legal Voice
Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens
Leviathan Lab
Liberation in a Generation
LifeWiseStL
Lilith Fund
Limit Break Lifestyle Ltd
Lo & Sons
Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention
LUNAR: The Jewish-Asian Film Project
Mainers for Accountable Leadership
Martin Luther King County Democrats
Matahari Women Workers' Center
Media Design Imaging
MeiMei Silverman
Mekong NYC
Michigan Asian American Progressives
MidTown Cleveland, Inc.
MinKwon Center for Community Action
Mobilization for Justice, Inc.
MomsRising
Mondays Best
MotivAsians for Cleveland
Mountaintop Pediatrics, PC
Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative (MuslimARC)
Muslim Delegates and Allies Coalition
NAAAP
NAMI NYC Metro volunteer
NAPAFASA
NARAL Pro-Choice America
NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina
Narika
NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MENTAL HEALTH ASSOIATION
National Association of Asian American Professionals
National Association of Social Workers
National Birth Equity Collaborative
National CAPACD
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Council of Jewish Women
National Crittenton
National Domestic Workers Alliance

National Education Association (NEA)

National Employment Lawyers Association

National Equality Action Team (NEAT)

National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association

National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)

National Harm Reduction Coalition

National Immigration Law Center

National Immigration Litigation Alliance

National Immigration Project (NIPNLG)

National Japanese American Memorial Foundation

National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice

National LGBTQ Task Force

National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights

National Network of Abortion Funds

National Network to End Domestic Violence

National Organization for Women

National Partnership for Women & Families

National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)

National Urban Indian Family Coalition

National Women's Health Network

National Women's Law Center

Natural Food Solutions

Nebraska Religious Council for Reproductive Freedom

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Nekamaco, Inc.

Nerds for Humanity

New Breath Foundation

New Hampshire Youth Movement

New Voices for Reproductive Justice

New York Immigration Coalition

New York State Nurses Association

North American Indian Center of Boston

North Carolina Justice Center

NWGSD.org

OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates

OCA Greater Chicago

OCA Las Vegas

OCA Las Vegas

OCA-GPC

OCAABA

OCAPICA

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, United Methodist Church
One APIA Nevada
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership in Ohio
Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)
Orange County Chinese Association in New York
Orange County Chinese Cultural Club (OC4)
OWS Special Projects Affinity Group
Pacific Islander Health Partnership
Pacific Islanders in Communications
PAI
Pegasus Health Justice Center
People's Parity Project
Philadelphia Contemporary
Philly CLUW
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Poligon Education Fund
Population Connection
Poston Community Alliance
Pride Train
Progressive Women of Pelham
Project by Project
Protect Oakland Chinatown
Public Citizen
Putnam Progressives
Q-Wave - Building Queer & Trans API Community Since 2004
Queer|Art
Racism is a Virus
Red Canary Song
Reliable Revolutionaries
Reliable Revolutionaries of San Antonio
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Reproductiv Health Access Project
ReproJobs
Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment
Revolutionary Love project
RiceBox LA
Robe + Signet
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Sacred Pipe Resource Center
Sakhi for South Asian Women
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority

Seattle Indian Health Board
Seeding Change
SEIU 503, OPEU
Semillas Sociedad Civil (Anahuacalmecac)
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
SEWA-AIFW
SF Hep B Free-Bay Area
Shasta college
Sierra Club
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
Sikh Coalition
SisterSong National Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective
Society of Asian Art of Hawaii
Sonoma Yoga Therapy
Sound Off: Music for Bail
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
South Asian Network
South Asian Youth Action
South Bay Youth Changemakers
Southeast Asian American Education Coalition
Southeast Asian Community Alliance
Southeast Asian Development Center
St. Paul Indians in Action
Step Forward Strategies
StopAsianHate.info
Stubborn Heart Consulting LLC
Survivors Empowered
Survivors Know
Swallowtail Healing Collective
Symbio Strategies
Tai Chin
Taiwanese American Citizens League
Taiwanese American Professionals - Atlanta
Taiwanese American Professionals - Boston
Taiwanese American Professionals - New York
Taiwanese American Professionals - Orange County
Taiwanese American Professionals - San Diego (TAP-SD)
Taiwanese American Professionals - San Francisco Chapter
Taiwanese American Professionals - Seattle Chapter
Taiwanese American Professionals - Washington, D.C.
Taiwanese American Professionals- Austin Chapter (TAP-ATX)
Taiwanese Americans for Progress
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC)

Tgthr Collective
Thai Community Development Center
The All Times Are Local Foundation
The Cambodian Family Community Center
The Center for Asian Pacific American Women
The Employee Rights Advocacy Institute For Law & Policy
The Korean American Family Service Center
The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans
The New York City Anti-Violence Project
The Partnership for the Homeless
The Sex Workers Project of the Urban Justice Center
The WeChat Project
The Womxn Project
Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority Inc., Alpha Lambda Chapter
They See Blue Texas
Transforming Generations
Transgender Equity Consulting
TSANG REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS INC
UltraViolet
Unapologetically Asian
Unconventional Ventures
Union of Arab Women
UNITE HERE Local 8 - Seattle/Portland
United Action for Idaho
UNITED SIKHS
United State of Women
United Vision for Idaho
V.O.T.E.
VERVET
ViacomCBS
Vic DeAngelo IT Consulting
Viet Rainbow of Orange County
VietLead
Vietnamese Boat People Podcast
Violence Free Minnesota
VN TeamWork, Inc.
Voices for Progress
Vote Run Lead
We Testify
WeCount!
Western States Center
Wet Paws Media Inc
Win Without War

Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Women's Law Project
Women's Biz Coop
Women's Empowerment Coalition of NYC
Workplace Fairness
Y-Entertainment
YE Media Group
YWCA New Hampshire

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