#WeKeepUsSafe: APALA’s Resource Guide on Anti-Asian Violence

*This is a community document and not meant to be comprehensive. For some readings on Anti-Asian racism and the history of Anti-Asian racism, please check out readings & media below.*

APALA envisions a society where economic and racial justice prevails, human rights and worker dignity are affirmed, and where a healthy, sustainable planet is able to offer a better life for Asian/Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Black, brown, and Indigenous folks, and all communities fighting oppression. Share this doc: bit.ly/asianresources

### Actions you can take for community safety

- Support community efforts in Atlanta, Georgia: [AAPI Community Resources Offerings Form](#) (mutual aid intake form), **sign on to a community-centered response against anti-Asian violence**, & **donate to support families of the victims, Atlanta Action Card**
- Call your elected officials to **support community centered policies** for addressing hate violence
- Sign the petition: [Justice for Christian Hall](#)
- Amplify Angelo’s story: [Justice for Angelo Quinto](#)
- Track and report hate incidents: [Stop AAPI Hate](#)
- Donate to community members in need: [Oakland Chinatown victims fund](#), [JAPALA COVID19 Community Fund](#), [Advancing Justice Atlanta Victim and Family Support Fund](#)
- Share this guidance to protect AAPI workers at your workplace or union! (APALA)
  - Organize your workplace during COVID19 & Know Your Rights (APALA)
- **Donate** to support long-term grassroots AAPI led organizing
- **Localized resources**
- **Asian American Leaders Table** - Join a vigil, read statements by Atlanta-based AAPI organizations & sign-on letters
- List of Asian American community vigils for Atlanta victims
- **Protest Tips + Organizing As Abolitionists (APALA)**

### How do we talk to our community about Anti-Asian violence and community safety?

- Messaging guide on COVID and Racism (ChangeLab)
- Press release: Georgia’s Asian American Leaders Call for Community-Centered Response After Six Asian Women Are Murdered (Advancing Justice - Atlanta)
- **Love Our People, Heal Our Communities** Toolkit (Coalition for Community Safety and Justice)
- Guidance for Employers to Protect AAPI Workers (APALA)
- **Stay Safe from Hate** Guide (Asian American Federation)
- #ProtectAllPeople social media toolkit (NCAPA)
- “Amid wave of violence, Asian Americans, Black communities build coalitions” (NBC)
- Know History Know Self: A Different Asian American Timeline from ChangeLab
- Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit (Grassroots Asians Rising)
- A Resource Guide for AAPI Anti-HateActivists, Victims and Survivors of Hate (APANO)
- Stopping AAPI Hate: Resources (includes resources for sex workers) (WeChat Project)
Call your elected officials to support these policies for addressing hate violence

“We call for interventions and responses that address the root causes of violence and systemic racism through a community-centered approach. **This means providing culturally and linguistically sensitive services for survivors, victims, and their families including access to mental health, legal, financial, and healing support.** Federal and state agencies must ensure robust enforcement of civil rights laws to protect people targeted by hate and discrimination. Government agencies, from the Community Relations Service at the Department of Justice to state and local level programs, **must prioritize violence prevention, restorative justice, and victims’ assistance funds.**

Beyond these immediate steps, members of Congress and federal agencies must invest in our communities with **long-term solutions that uplift the lives of everyone.** Congress must ensure access to a robust social safety net that includes equitable housing, jobs, health care and education while ending policies that lead to the deportation, criminalization, and surveillance of immigrants and communities of color.

Anti-Asian hate has been a part of the American experience in the past and the present. But, it does not have to be part of our future. What we do today matters. We call upon members of Congress and the White House to work closely with local and national Asian American leaders to identify and implement community-centered solutions that stop anti-Asian hate.” - **Written statement by Asian American Leaders Table on COVID-19 Racism**

- **Asian American Leaders Table Policy Recommendations for Addressing Hate Violence** (co-created by **APALA**)
- Push for resolutions like the **Sacramento Council resolution** (Councilmember Mai Vang)

**Community Organizations and Resources**

“Movements are born of critical connections rather than critical mass.” –Grace Lee Boggs

Safety starts with on the ground, with grassroots multi-racial, working class led organizing. Plug into your local APALA chapter and build relationships with community organizations!

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DONATE TO SUPPORT GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING*
*not comprehensive - please research local AAPI-led organizations or formations in your community by the WeChat project and compiled by @sasponella.

- Red Canary Song, an Asian and Asian American sex worker collective
- VietRISE
- VietLead
- Khmer Girls In Action
- Hmong Innovating Politics
- Filipino Advocates for Justice
- EPIC Empowering Pacific Islander Communities
- Pilipino Workers Center
- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- Desis Rising Up and Moving
- Asian Americans United
- Jakarta Movement
- AYPAL for youth
- API Equality - LA
- Korean Resource Center
- CCED LA
- Support the AAPI Community Fund, which will regrant to local grassroots organizations and impacted communities
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (donating to the local organizations is more impactful and more needed than national hubs)
- Chinese Progressive Association San Francisco, historic organization dedicated to protecting immigrant communities
- Chinese Progressive Association Boston, worker center and direct services for Chinatown-based immigrants, especially elders
- Asian American Advocacy Fund, an Atlanta-based political organizing group
- Asian Pacific Islander-Political Alliance, a Philadelphia-based political organizing group
- Asian American Midwest Progressives, a Chicago-based political organizing group
- NAPAWF Georgia, local chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum
- National Queer Asian Pacific Islander American Federation Members
Offer resources for the AAPI Community in GA (AAAJ-ATL mutual aid)

READINGS & MEDIA
- Have You Eaten Yet? We All Eat. APALA’s Principles for Collective Liberation + Organizing Stronger Communities
- ‘It’s race, class and gender together’: Why the Atlanta killings aren’t just about one thing (Washington Post)
- Testimony for the Judiciary Hearing on Discrimination and Violence Against Asian Americans (APALA)
- Statement: Our Response to the Murders of Asian American Women in Georgia (NAKASEC)
- Asian American Feminist Antibodies {care in the time of coronavirus}
- The Importance of Asian Americans? It’s Not What You Think. (ChangeLab)
- Follow Red Canary Song on Twitter, a grassroots collective of Asian sex workers fighting for justice
- Treating Yellow Peril: Resources to Address Coronavirus Racism
- Resources on Dismantling Anti-Blackness in the Asian Community (Asian Americans United)
- Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit (Grassroots Asians Rising)
- “America’s long history of scapegoating its Asian citizens” (National Geographic)
- “More Policing Is Not the Solution to Anti-Asian Violence” (Truthout)
- “Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans Are on the Rise. Many Say More Policing Isn't the Answer” (TIME)
- Documentary on the murder of Vincent Chin: Vincent. Who?
- Statement on community care and mutual aid (AAPI Women Lead)

LOCALIZED RESOURCES (MULTIPLE STATES)
- AAPI Anti-Hate Community Resources - compiled by Advancing Justice - AAJC
- Anti-Racism Resources for South Asians and AAPI Community - compiled by Sujata Strategies
- Anti-Racism, Racial Justice, and Abolition Resources - compiled by Sujata Strategies
- Anti-Asian Racism Resource Guide - APIs CAN (Massachusetts)
- Stopping AAPI Hate: Resources (includes resources for sex workers) (WeChat Project)
- List of grassroots and national Asian and Asian American organizations (crowdsourced)
- Free/reduced mental health care for Filipino/a/x and Asian community (Asian Mental Health Collective)
- 50 Ways to Donate in Support of Asian Communities (NYMag)
- Support community efforts in Atlanta, Georgia: AAPI Community Resources Offerings Form (mutual aid intake form), sign on to a community-centered response against anti-Asian violence, & donate to support families of the victims
- Protect Chinatown - volunteer signup
Asians4Abolition

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

-Love Our People, Heal Our Communities: A Call to Action

-Volunteer in Oakland Chinatown - option 1: [Oakland Chinatown Coalition](#)

-Volunteer in Oakland Chinatown - option 2: [Compassion in Oakland](#)

-Support the [Vietnamese Community Center](#)

**Statement from Chinatown Community for Equitable Development**
# SENATE RESOLUTION

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Condemnation of Violence Against Asian Communities in the United States

Trigger Warning: Discussion and/or description of violence and hate crimes against Asian individuals with details included.

WHEREAS, Asian can be defined as a panethnic group consisting of individuals having origins of East Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Indian subcontinent and the Philippine Islands;

WHEREAS, violent attacks against the Asian population in the United States can be associated with the racialization of Asian physical traits;

WHEREAS, violence, xenophobia and sinophobia targeted towards Asian communities have increased significantly since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic and anti-Asian hate crimes have only increased;

WHEREAS, STOP AAPI HATE, an initiative between San Francisco State University, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and Asian Pacific Planning and Policy Council, has received 2,583 reports of anti-Asian attacks nationwide between March 19th 2020 and August 5th 2020;

WHEREAS, an increase in violent hate crimes can be attributed in part to the inflammatory rhetoric used by the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, such as reference to the COVID-19 Virus as the “kung flu;”

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 4th, 2021, a 91 year old Chinese man was shoved to the ground by a masked assailant during a walk in Oakland’s Chinatown;

WHEREAS, Vicha Ratanapakdee, an 84 year old Thai immigrant and resident of San Francisco, was murdered by their neighbor who is now booked into San Francisco County Jail on one count of murder. Ratanapakdee died on Sunday, January 31st as a result of sustained injuries;

WHEREAS, Noel Quintana, a 61 year old Pilipinx man, was slashed across the face with a box cutter by a NYC subway passenger;

WHEREAS, violent acts on Asian communities in the United States have pushed for calls of “unity” and “allyship” as many Asian families celebrate Lunar New Year;
WHEREAS, current rhetoric to address hate crimes and violence is focused on criminalization and the vilification of violence perpetrators. Proposed solutions include the reliance on the police and carceral system, which does not address the root causes of violence against Asian communities;

WHEREAS, transformative justice is defined as a “liberatory approach to violence...[which] seeks safety and accountability without relying on alienation, punishment, or State or systemic violence, including incarceration or policing,” which reconstructs what is considered justice by acknowledging the root causes that is further perpetuated through violent transgressions;

WHEREAS, a key tenet of transformative justice includes addressing violent transgressions against individuals and/or groups in society without the creation of additional harm;

WHEREAS, alternative solutions and approaches spearheaded by organizations such as AAPI Women Lead take an abolitionist stance, critically assessing violence against Asian individuals through a transformative justice stance;

WHEREAS, the Asian community accounts for an estimated 7.6% of the Riverside County population;

WHEREAS, as of 2020, the University of California, Riverside has a 30.8% Asian student population, 22.7% Asian faculty population, and 25.9% Asian staff population;

WHEREAS, on January 28th 2021, the 46th President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, released a Memorandum condemning and combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States;

WHEREAS, there have been little to no community engaged councils, efforts and/or initiatives to address anti-Asian sentiments and hate crimes at the University of California, Riverside and/or in the Riverside region.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of California, Riverside (ASUCR):

1. Unreservedly stands in full support of the Asian community at the University of California, Riverside and condemns any and all violence against Asian people across the state, nation and globe, including state, colonial and imperial violence.

2. Let It Be Further Resolved that the Associated Students at the University of California, Riverside shall

   a. Engage with the City of Riverside and greater Riverside community to ensure that there are resources available that promote Asian wellbeing and community-engagement;

   b. Support and emphasize transformative justice approaches against violence against Asian people in the Riverside region that are rooted in BIPOC solidarity. This may include, but is not limited to the following:

      i. Community accountability, action and support

      ii. Active recognition of xenophobia and racism at the core of social structures

      iii. Advocacy, support and mutual fund initiatives
(c) Donate to regional, statewide and/or national Asian organizations dedicated to addressing violence against Asian people. These organizations include, but are not limited to the following:

(i) Asian American Resource Center
(ii) Asian Pacific Islander Reentry & Inclusion through Support & Empowerment (API RISE)
(iii) Asian Pacific Community Fund
(iv) Asian Pacific Islander (API) Forward Movement
(v) South Asian Network
(vi) Asian Americans Advancing Justice
(vii) Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers
(viii) Any organizations listed on the California Asian & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus’ Community Resources page

(d) Collaborate with the City of Riverside Mayor’s Office, County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, UCR Diversity Council and the ASUCR Marketing Director, to create programming/events, and an anti-hate social media campaign;

(e) Work with the City of Riverside’s City Council, UCR Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chief Officer, the UCR Academic Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Asian Pacific Student Programs (APSP), the Middle Eastern Student Center (MESC), the UCR Sociology Department and the UCR Asian American Studies Program under the UCR Department of Ethnic Studies to discuss ways in which students, faculty and staff can establish an Asian focus group that discusses Asian identities, experiences and hate crimes through a critical race framework. This focus group would include ASUCR members, UCR students and UCR student organizations that include, but are not limited to the following:

(i) Abhinaya
(ii) Afghan Student Association (ASA)
(iii) Asian Pacific Islander Student Advisory Council (APISAC)
(iv) Bangladeshi Student Association (BSA)
(v) Burmese Student Association
(vi) Chinese Student Association (CSA)
(vii) Chinese Students and Scholars Association
(viii) Chinese Union
(ix) Hallyu at UCR
(x) Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA)
(xi) Indian Student Association (ISA)
(xii) Indonesian Society UCR
(xiii) International Student Union
(xiv) Iranian Student Association (ISA)
(xv) Japanese Culture & Karate-do Club
(xvi) Katipunan Pilipino Student Organization (PSO)
(xvii) Khmer Student Society (KSS)
(xviii) Korean American Student Association (KASA)
(xix) Middle Eastern Student Assembly
(xx) Nikkei Student Union (NSU)
(3) Work with Asian Pacific Student Programs (APSP), Middle Eastern Student Center (MESC) and Asian student organizations on campus to bring awareness to hate crimes, xenophobia and racism against the Asian community, and broadly addressing violence against the Asian community;

   (a) Host programming, create awareness etc. around hate and discrimination experienced by individuals having origins of East, West, South, Southeast, Southwest, Central Asia as well individuals with origins from the Philippine Islands.

(4) Advocate for and support the creation of academic courses and workshops that uses a Critical Race Theory Framework within a variety of academic disciplines and contexts;

(5) Support and spearhead efforts to disseminate knowledge and inclusivity trainings to the City of Riverside, ASUCR, UCR faculty and staff so entities are aware of and committed to the equitable treatment of BIPOC individuals;

(6) That this resolution in no means is to perpetuate any anti-black rhetoric or systematic violence, but rather to continue and increase solidarity efforts between communities;

(7) Let It Be Finally Resolved that the University of California, Riverside fully supports and stands in solidarity with Asian students, faculty and staff on and off campus.

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