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Increasing Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans

Sacramento, CA – The rise in hate crimes against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) has dramatically increased over the past four months wherein California 800 incidents have been reported since the beginning of the government-sanctioned shutdown.* Nationwide, up to 2,100 incidents against APIA have been reported since the pandemic hit the United States.**

For example, a recent video of a white man verbally attacking an Asian family celebrating an aunt's birthday in a Carmel Valley restaurant went viral. According to the Mercury News, the man shouted expletives at the family and told them to "go back to whatever [expletive] Asian country you're from." The irony is not lost to many that the man himself is a recent immigrant telling Asian Americans to go "home."

Another Asian family was hiking on a California trail when a white woman confronted them out of nowhere and told them, "you guys can't be in this country." ABC7 News has reported that the abuser has since resigned from her position as Chief People Officer at Topa Equities.

These are not isolated incidents, with the surge of COVID-19, there are mounting reports of xenophobic and racist incidents targeting Asian Americans. Statements such as "Chinese virus," "Kung Flu" or "Wu Flu" have exacerbated the scapegoating and targeting of the APIA community. According to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), "extremists continue to spread anti-Semitic and xenophobic conspiracies about COVID-19, blaming Jews and China for creating, spreading and profiting off the virus."

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) is deeply disturbed with this trend and once again, condemns these acts of hateful incidents that divide humanity. Furthermore, APAPA encourages all our members to report all hate crimes at the following sites:

- 1) Stop AAPI Hate (A3PCON & CAA):<http://www.asianpacificpolicyandplanningcouncil.org/stop-aapi-hate/>
- 2) Stand Against Hatred (AAJC):<https://www.standagainsthared.org/>
- 3) Report A Hate Incident (OCA):<https://www.oanational.org/aapi-hate-incident-form>

We stand up for our rights and will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of any kind!

APAPA's website is going through extensive updating and will be hyper-linked to the above websites shortly.

*<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.mercurynews.com/2020/07/01/hundreds-of-anti-asian-american-hate-incidents-reported-in-california-during-pandemic/amp/>

**<https://www.voanews.com/usa/race-america/us-watchdog-tracks-over-2100-anti-asian-incidents>

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