

By now, we have all heard of the devastating news of another mass shooting – this time in [Atlanta, Georgia](#) against our Asian Community. Our hearts are heavy, as we mourn the loss of eight people, six being from our Asian community. We send our deepest condolences to the families who lost their loved ones in this horrific act of violence.

Hate and bias incidents against Asians have increased exponentially during the past year, since the start of the pandemic, due to the bigoted political rhetoric against Asians by racializing the coronavirus and calling it the “China virus,” “Wuhan flu” and other derogatory names.

According to the [Stop AAPI Hate](#) there has been a more than 150% increase in Asian hate crime and bias incidents since March of last year, with nearly 4,000 incidents reported nationwide and [68% of those reported against women](#). According to the [Department of Justice](#), in Oregon there were [15 hate crimes/incidents](#) reported this month (March 2021), with 10 of them being a crime and not an incident.

This is a gender-based racist hate crime, an attack based on racism, misogyny, and xenophobia. The victims and their families deserve for us to speak truth to what it is. Justice requires us to name it and work to dismantle white supremacy and misogyny.

Violent acts against Asians have often been overlooked and rejected as hate crimes – as in the recent [murder of an elderly Asian man in Oakland, CA](#) and again, now as Atlanta’s Deputy Sheriff said that the killer had a “really bad day... and this is what he did.”

We know there is a long history of hate crimes and massacres of Asians Americans in the United States, from the massacre of 18 [Chinese immigrants living in Los Angeles in 1871](#), the massacre of as many as 34 Chinese gold miners robbed and killed on the Oregon side of Hells Canyon on May 25, 1887, the shooting of five [Southeast Asian refugee schoolchildren in Stockton, California in 1989](#), the [Sikh Temple shooting in 2012](#) when ten people were shot and seven of those individuals died from their injuries, and numerous individual murders like that of [Vincent Chin in 1982](#), who have been the symbols for social justice and civil rights for many API activists.

The United States’ past anti-immigrant, anti-Asian policies such as the [Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882](#), the incarceration of [120,000 Japanese Americans during WW II](#), and the [Muslim ban in 2017](#) is at the core of white supremacy and American propaganda against Asian Americans.

We stand in solidarity with our Asian communities and organizations when we say this violence – this hate – must stop. We all need to stand up against racism, xenophobia, and misogyny towards all Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), and immigrants and refugees.

We call on one another, our elected leaders, law enforcement, and the legal system:

- to stand up against white supremacy, bigotry and misogyny;
- to bring justice and hold [white nationalist hate groups](#) and the perpetrators accountable for the threats and crimes they commit;

- to hold investigators and law enforcement accountable to the communities they are there to serve and protect and to create change so that law enforcement is not perpetrating white supremacy, racism, misogyny and xenophobia;
- to uplift and support policies for additional protections for communities of color and immigrants and refugees, including gun control measures;
- to provide healing, resources and language access to support individuals and families when they become the victims of violence and hate;
- to provide protection and support for frontline workers, service industry workers and care professionals as they are often at the frontline of risks and threats.

This increase in violence has shaken up our Asian and Pacific Islander communities, especially our elders and our women. We know there is a lot of fear and worry. We hope your family is staying safe and vigilant. We stand by you, and we are committed to building a safer and stronger community for all of us. Our community is strong and resilient, and we will get through this together.

We see and hear you. We love and support you. You belong. We belong.

Below are some resources we gathered for you and your loved ones. Please report any incidents you experience and/or witness. Most importantly, please stay safe and take care of one another.

- **Sources to report a hate incident/crime in addition to calling law enforcement:**
 - In Portland:
 - Portland United Against Hate: <https://www.portlandunitedagainsthate.org>
 - CAIR Oregon: <https://cairoregon.org/>
 - APANO: <https://www.apano.org/reportheate>
 - IRCO: [here](#)
 - In Oregon
 - Department of Justice: StandAgainstHate.Oregon.gov
 - Nationally:
 - Stop AAPI Hate: <https://stopaapihate.org/>
 - Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC) <https://www.standagainstatred.org/>
 - Muslim Advocates: <https://muslimadvocates.org/issue/hate-crimes/>
 - Council on Islamic-American Relations: <https://www.cair.com/>
 - Act to Change: <https://acttochange.org/#about>
- **Mental Health/Social Support Resources:**
 - Asian Health & Services Center's mental health support: <https://www.ahscpx.org/mentalhealth.html>
 - Portland Racial Equity Lines for Life: <https://www.linesforlife.org/racial-equity-support-line/>

- IRCO's Pacific Islander and Asian Family Center (PIAFC): <https://irco.org/who-we-are/asian-family-center.html>
- APANO: <https://www.apano.org/>
- Asian Mental Health Collective: <https://www.asianmhc.org/>
- Mental Health America: <https://www.mhanational.org/issues/asian-americanpacific-islander-communities-and-mental-health>
- **Webinars/Conversations/Resources:**
 - APANO and PUAH: [Resilience to Hate Resource Guide](#)
 - National Council on Asian Americans [Break the Cycle: A Conversation About the Rise of Anti-APIA Racist Violence](#)
 - Asian American Advancing Justice as trainings on [How to Respond to Harassment for People Experiencing Anti-Asian/American Harassment and more](#)
 - Stop AAPI Hate: [Safety Tips for Those Experiencing or Witnessing Hate](#)
 - [Hollaback's Guide to Bystander Interventions](#)
 - [How Racism and Sexism Intertwine to Torment Asian-American Women - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
 - [White Sexual Imperialism: A Theory of Asian Feminist Jurisprudence \(wlu.edu\)](#)
 - [Nancy Wang Yuen: Atlanta spa shooting suspect's 'bad day' defense, and America's sexualized racism problem \(nbcnews.com\)](#)
 - Coalition of Asian American Leaders [To our Non-Asian Allies](#)
- **Solidarity Messages and Call to Action Statements:**
 - [Local AAPI Speak Out About Anti-Asian Violence](#) (published prior to the Atlanta, GA killings)
 - [White House's Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States](#)
 - [US Department of Justice](#)
 - [Oregon Department of Justice](#)
 - [Multnomah County Board issues statement condemning Anti-Asian hate crimes](#)
 - [City of Portland: Council Condemns Atlanta Shootings, Stands in Solidarity with Asian American Communities](#)
 - [Catholic Charities of Oregon](#)

In Justice, Peace and Solidarity,

Organizations:

Immigrant Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)
 Pacific Islander and Asian Family Center (PIAFC)
 Greater Middle East Center (GMEC)
 Coalition of Communities of Color
 Cascade Chapter, International Association of Public Participation
 Unite Oregon
 Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT)

Korean American Coalition of Oregon (KAC Oregon)
API Forward Foundation
Asian American Council of Oregon
KAC Oregon (Korean American Coalition)
International Migrants Alliance (IMA) – Pacific Northwest Chapter
Lu Mien Association of Oregon
Micronesia Islander Community (MIC)
New Portland Foundation
Foundation for Philippine Progress, Inc.
Malaya Movement Portland
Verde
Africa House
Historic Parkrose NPI
Self Enhancement, Inc.
Port of Portland
Latino Network
Division Midway Alliance
APANO Communities United Fund
National Alliance for Filipino Concerns – NAFCON Oregon
American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon (ACLU of Oregon)
Office of Community & Civic Life, City of Portland
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon
Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA)
Oregon AFL-CIO
Oregon Education Association
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Latino Agenda for Action
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Street Roots
SEIU Local 49
SEIU Local 503
Oregon Futures Lab
Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center + Rosemary Anderson High School (POIC + RAHS)
UFCW Local 555
Kaibigan – Filipino American Student Association, Portland State University
Japanese American Museum of Oregon
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
Our Children Oregon
Basic Rights Oregon
Forward Together
Caldera Arts
Independent Publishing Resource Center (IPRC)
ELSO
Cath
EMO
Oregon Interfaith Power & Light
Catholic Charities of Oregon

Trash for Peace
Oya no Kai, Parent Organization for the Japanese Dual Language Immersion Program
211info
Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs (OCAPIA)
Cambodian American Community of Oregon
Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA)
Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW)
Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce
Yeondae, Korean Adoptee Collective
Our Oregon
Causa Oregon
Oregon Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Portland Lee's Association
Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland
Portland Chinatown History Foundation/Portland Chinatown Museum
Japanese Ancestral Society
Chinese Friendship Association of Portland
The Asian Reporter
Gorge ICE Resistance
Teatro Milagro
Oregon Chinese Coalition (OCC)
Chinese Scientists, Engineers and Professionals Association (CSEPA)
American Federation of Teachers-Oregon (AFT-OR)
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI)
Oregon Food Bank
Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette
Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon
1000 Friends of Oregon
Portland Chinese Times
Social Venture Partners Portland (SVPP)
Early Childhood Equity Collaborative
MediaRites
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Black Parent Initiative
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Togo Community Organization of Oregon
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