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To: Angie Ngoc Tran

Re: NAACP Statement in Support of Stop Asian Hate Rally

2021 is a year where we have been constantly reminded of how much stronger we can be when we all stand together.

Amidst the spread of domestic terrorism rooted in racism and white supremacy, and the recent attacks here in California and across the nation against the Asian community, the question still remains, what can we do collectively to fight the real enemy, which is racism, and how it continues to damage people of color?

We are painfully aware that over the past year, the (AAPI) Asian American and Pacific Islander community has experienced a rise in violence, nationwide, motivated by hate. In the last year, there have been approximately 3,800 reported instances of violence and harassment against AAPI individuals with women being the targets 70% of the time.

And although the Monterey Peninsula prides itself as one of the great melting pots in America, we are also reminded of past Anti-Asian violence right here at home. Horrendous acts that were used as sort of an ethnic cleansing perpetrated against Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino Americans that resulted in deaths of citizens and burning and destruction of villages in local cities that have affected these communities for generations.

The Monterey County Branch of the NAACP has had strong relations for decades with the local Asian American Communities, and we proudly stand with them and will join them in their battle against these senseless acts of violence. We have urged all members of our branch to reach out to support and collaborate in any actions that they may be undertaking including our support for this very important and necessary STOP AAPI HATE rally held in Monterey today.

We stand with you and will work with you in the fight to make this beautiful country live up to the words in our pledge of allegiance. And that we continue to be a nation that stands for liberty and justice for ALL.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Thomas

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