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BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS RISING VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

Beverly Hills, CA – March 24, 2021 – The Beverly Hills Bar Association strongly condemns the increasingly frequent and violent hate crimes being committed against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). Recent horrifying crimes follow a disturbing trend of unprovoked attacks nationwide. Here in our home region of Los Angeles, local AAPI community advocates have been rightly decrying racially motivated harassment and assaults for many months. We support bringing all private and public resources to bear on this widespread and growing problem.

We know that not all hate incidents are reported, especially when the victims are elders or recent immigrants. But it is clear from those incidents that have been brought forward that this particular type of violence and the anti-Asian bias underlying it are increasing and that we are all obligated to try to help. The Beverly Hills Bar Association supports local organizations who have long worked in this space, including Asian Americans Advancing Justice—Los Angeles (<https://advancingjustice-la.org/anti-asian-discrimination>). AAAJ-LA is providing critically important services including victim assistance, legal support, and bystander intervention trainings and we are planning programming to highlight their efforts. We are seeking out and welcome other opportunities to support the good work being done by experts and to bring education and advocacy opportunities to our members. As a legal community, we must stand in solidarity against all forms of bigotry and hate.

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