



Dear UC Davis Community and Allies:

The anti-Asian discrimination and xenophobia are on the rise during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Asian American Pacific Islander communities continue to be blamed and scapegoated for the coronavirus.

[Stop AAPI Hate](#) began tracking harassment and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders since March 19, 2020. Almost 3,800 incidents were reported of which 68% were cases of verbal harassments, 21% were shunning and 11% involved physical assaults.

Despite calls from the AAPI community and allies to stop the hate, the violence and discrimination continues. Just in the past two weeks, there were more brutal attacks on vulnerable members of the AAPI community in our region including

- Pak Ho, a 75-year old Oakland resident, was pushed to the pavement during his morning walk and subsequently died from his injuries
- Danilo Yu Chang, 59-year old, was struck repeatedly on the face and head while walking in San Francisco financial district.
- Xiao Zhen Xie, 76-year old, was punched on the face while waiting at the traffic light in San Francisco. Though her right eye was bleeding, she fought back and defended herself. The attacker had allegedly attacked an 83-year-old Asian man earlier in the day.

We condemn these senseless attacks and the violence in Georgia that killed 8 people including 6 Asian women. We share the pain and grief of the bereaved family of the victims.

We denounce racial discrimination and stereotyping incidents that spur fear for safety and anxiety of Asian Americans in our own city:

- The Asian owner of a meat butcher shop in Sacramento was traumatized when a customer left a mutilated cat in the store's parking lot.
- A Sacramento high school teacher was recorded making anti-Asian gestures during her zoom class.

We stand with our Asian American Pacific Islander communities against hate and violence. Be an Upstander. Support one another. We are all in this together.

#StopAsianHate #IAmNotaVirus

In solidarity,

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