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TITLE	Condemnation of Violence Against Asian Communities in the United States
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Trigger Warning: Discussion and/or description of violence and hate crimes against Asian individuals with details included.

WHEREAS, [Asian](#) can be defined as a panethnic group consisting of individuals having origins of East Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Indian subcontinent and the Philippine Islands;

WHEREAS, violent attacks against the Asian population in the United States can be associated with the [racialization](#) of Asian physical traits;

WHEREAS, violence, xenophobia and sinophobia targeted towards Asian communities have increased significantly [since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) and [anti-Asian hate crimes have only increased](#);

WHEREAS, [STOP AAPI HATE](#), an initiative between San Francisco State University, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and Asian Pacific Planning and Policy Council, [has received 2,583 reports of anti-Asian attacks nationwide](#) between March 19th 2020 and August 5th 2020;

WHEREAS, an increase in violent hate crimes can be attributed in part to the inflammatory rhetoric used by the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, such as [reference to the COVID-19 Virus as the “kung flu.”](#)

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 4th, 2021, a [91 year old Chinese man was shoved to the ground](#) by a masked assailant during a walk in Oakland’s Chinatown;

WHEREAS, [Vicha Ratanapakdee](#), an 84 year old Thai immigrant and resident of San Francisco, was murdered by their neighbor who is now [booked into San Francisco County Jail on one count of murder](#). Ratanapakdee died on Sunday, January 31st as a result of sustained injuries;

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021, [Noel Quintana](#), a 61 year old Pilipinx man, was slashed across the face with a box cutter by a NYC subway passenger;

WHEREAS, violent acts on Asian communities in the United States have pushed for [calls of “unity” and “allyship”](#) as many [Asian families celebrate Lunar New Year](#);

WHEREAS, current rhetoric to address hate crimes and violence is focused on criminalization and the vilification of violence perpetrators. Proposed solutions include the [reliance on the police and carceral system](#), which does not address the root causes of violence against Asian communities;

WHEREAS, transformative justice is [defined as](#) a “a liberatory approach to violence...[which] seeks safety and accountability without relying on alienation, punishment, or State or systemic violence, including incarceration or policing,” which reconstructs what is considered justice by acknowledging the root causes that is further perpetuated through violent transgressions;

WHEREAS, a key tenet of transformative justice includes addressing violent transgressions against individuals and/or groups in society without the creation of additional harm;

WHEREAS, alternative solutions and approaches spearheaded by organizations such as [AAPI Women Lead](#) take an abolitionist stance, critically assessing violence against Asian individuals through a transformative justice stance;

WHEREAS, the Asian community accounts for an estimated [7.6% of the Riverside County population](#);

WHEREAS, as of 2020, the University of California, Riverside has a [30.8% Asian student](#) population, [22.7% Asian faculty](#) population, and [25.9% Asian staff](#) population;

WHEREAS, on January 28th 2021, the 46th President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, released a [Memorandum condemning and combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States](#);

WHEREAS, there have been little to no community engaged councils, efforts and/or initiatives to address anti-Asian sentiments and hate crimes at the University of California, Riverside and/or in the Riverside region.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of California, Riverside (ASUCR):

- (1) Unreservedly stands in full support of the Asian community at the University of California, Riverside and condemns any and all violence against Asian people across the state, nation and globe, including state, colonial and imperial violence.
- (2) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that the Associated Students at the University of California, Riverside shall
 - (a) Engage with the City of Riverside and greater Riverside community to ensure that there are resources available that promote Asian wellbeing and community-engagement;
 - (b) Support and emphasize transformative justice approaches against violence against Asian people in the Riverside region that are rooted in BIPOC solidarity. This may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - (i) Community accountability, action and support
 - (ii) Active recognition of xenophobia and racism at the core of social structures
 - (iii) Advocacy, support and mutual fund initiatives

- (c) Donate to regional, statewide and/or national Asian organizations dedicated to addressing violence against Asian people. These organizations include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (i) [Asian American Resource Center](#)
 - (ii) [Asian Pacific Islander Reentry & Inclusion through Support & Empowerment \(API RISE\)](#)
 - (iii) [Asian Pacific Community Fund](#)
 - (iv) [Asian Pacific Islander \(API\) Forward Movement](#)
 - (v) [South Asian Network](#)
 - (vi) [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#)
 - (vii) [Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers](#)
 - (viii) Any organizations listed on the California Asian & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus' [Community Resources page](#)
- (d) Collaborate with the City of Riverside Mayor's Office, County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, UCR Diversity Council and the ASUCR Marketing Director, to create programming/events, and an anti-hate social media campaign;
- (e) Work with the City of Riverside's City Council, UCR Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chief Officer, the UCR Academic Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Asian Pacific Student Programs (APSP), the Middle Eastern Student Center (MESC), the UCR Sociology Department and the UCR Asian American Studies Program under the UCR Department of Ethnic Studies to discuss ways in which students, faculty and staff can establish an Asian focus group that discusses Asian identities, experiences and hate crimes through a critical race framework. This focus group would include ASUCR members, UCR students and UCR student organizations that include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (i) Abhinaya
 - (ii) Afghan Student Association (ASA)
 - (iii) Asian Pacific Islander Student Advisory Council (APISAC)
 - (iv) Bangladeshi Student Association (BSA)
 - (v) Burmese Student Association
 - (vi) Chinese Student Association (CSA)
 - (vii) Chinese Students and Scholars Association
 - (viii) Chinese Union
 - (ix) Hallyu at UCR
 - (x) Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA)
 - (xi) Indian Student Association (ISA)
 - (xii) Indonesian Society UCR
 - (xiii) International Student Union
 - (xiv) Iranian Student Association (ISA)
 - (xv) Japanese Culture & Karate-do Club
 - (xvi) Katipunan Pilipino Student Organization (PSO)
 - (xvii) Khmer Student Society (KSS)
 - (xviii) Korean American Student Association (KASA)
 - (xix) Middle Eastern Student Assembly
 - (xx) Nikkei Student Union (NSU)

- (xxi) Pacific Islander Student Association
 - (xxii) Pakistani Student Association (PSA)
 - (xxiii) Queer Association of Asian and Pacific Islanders
 - (xxiv) Raaga at UCR
 - (xxv) Riverside Bhangra
 - (xxvi) Riverside Giddhe di Raunak
 - (xxvii) Sakura-bu
 - (xxviii) Senryu Taiko
 - (xxix) South Asian Federation (SAF)
 - (xxx) STAGE: Chinese Performing Arts club
 - (xxxi) Thai Student Union at UCR
 - (xxxii) Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)
- (3) Work with Asian Pacific Student Programs (APSP), Middle Eastern Student Center (MESC) and Asian student organizations on campus to bring awareness to hate crimes, xenophobia and racism against the Asian community, and broadly addressing violence against the Asian community;
- (a) Host programming, create awareness etc. around hate and discrimination experienced by individuals having origins of East, West, South, Southeast, Southwest, Central Asia as well individuals with origins from the Philippine Islands.
- (4) Advocate for and support the creation of academic courses and workshops that uses a Critical Race Theory Framework within a variety of academic disciplines and contexts;
- (5) Support and spearhead efforts to disseminate knowledge and [inclusivity trainings](#) to the City of Riverside, ASUCR, UCR faculty and staff so entities are aware of and committed to the equitable treatment of BIPOC individuals;
- (6) That this resolution in no means is to perpetuate any anti-black rhetoric or systematic violence, but rather to continue and increase solidarity efforts between communities;
- (7) *Let It Be Finally Resolved* that the University of California, Riverside fully supports and stands in solidarity with Asian students, faculty and staff on and off campus.

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- 6) [ASUCR Diversity Council](#)
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- 9) Dean of the College of Humanities, Art, and Social Sciences
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- 11) Dean of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
- 12) Dean of the School of Business
- 13) Dean of the School of Medicine
- 14) Dean of the School of Public Policy
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- 16) ASUCR Office of External Affairs

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