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In light of countless anti-Asian hate crimes happening across the world, the Sisters of UC Delta Phi Lambda condemn all acts of racism, hatred, bigotry, and discrimination against the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community.

Since the start of the pandemic, Asian communities have been targeted disproportionately. In 2020, racially motivated hate crimes have increased by 150% in major cities across the United States. Stop AAPI Hate National Report received 3,795 reports of anti-Asian hate incidents from just March, 2020 to February, 2021. The harmful stereotypes and narrative used to blame Asians for the coronavirus have forced the APIDA community to experience severe repercussions, endangering our most vulnerable populations.

However, Anti-Asian hate crimes are not new; they are deeply rooted in white supremacy, colonialism, and imperialism. These systems work compoundly to persecute and dismiss the needs of our marginalized communities. Times and times again, history continues to perpetuate violence against the APIDA community, including but not limited to the Chinese Massacre of 1871, Page Act of 1875, Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, Rock Springs Massacre of 1885, Japanese internment camps, murder of Vincent Chin, Watsonville Riots of 1930, treatment of immigrants and refugees, and scapegoating of Asians during the coronavirus pandemic. Furthermore, Asian women are often fetishized, hypersexualized, dehumanized, and viewed as submissive and exotic deviants used solely for pleasure. American imperial wars in Asia normalized violence against Asian women, and the recent shooting in Atlanta is one of many.

These systems of oppression continue to enable a culture of hate and violence against the APIDA community with no accountability. Demand for nurses in conjunction with America's colonization of the Philippines have resulted in the exportation of Filipino nurses who have died disproportionately. Despite Filipino nurses making up just 4% of the nursing population nationwide, more than 30% nurses who have died of COVID in the US are Filipino. Asian immigrants and refugees continue to be deported despite President Biden administration's 100-day deportation moratorium. Trans and gender-nonconforming Asian Americans continue to be harassed and abused. Asian Americans have been targeted and blamed to distract from the US government's failed response to the coronavirus pandemic.

UC Delta Phi Lambda calls on the University of Cincinnati to take action and protect its students in the APIDA community. It is irresponsible to issue a paid leave to a professor who used the term “Chinese Virus” in the academic setting. It is sinophobic and xenophobic which results in a hostile environment for students both online and offline. The United Asian Advocates (UAA) student organization was recently “zoombombed” at their virtual event by intruders who spewed anti-Asian, anti-Black and anti-Semitism hate speech. Not only did this incident target Asian students, it degrades other marginalized identities as well. It is evident that the University of Cincinnati has inadequate resources and lacks a diverse staff to support Asian-identifying students. We urge you to fulfill the petition demands outlined by UAA as your current negligence speaks volumes and permits students to experience trauma on our own campus. In your own words, “we must show our strength in unity” as “each of us must answer the call to act”. We need you to answer your own call of action and take ownership of your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. was founded on the premise of advocating for Asian awareness and empowering women leaders through diverse shared experiences. It is imperative that we continue our work of dismantling Asian stereotypes such as the model minority myth. The model minority myth is weaponized to prevent vulnerable communities from accessing vital resources, perpetuates animosity between marginalized groups, and limits our ability to attain leadership roles in the professional setting. As Dedicated Female Leaders®, we shall continue to stand strong through unity, and our legacy will prevail through the works of our sisters.

We call on our allies to stand in solidarity with us and leverage your platforms to take actions with us, which include but are not limited to:

- Educate ourselves on the history of systemic anti-Asian hate
- Understand how interlocking and reinforcing systems of oppression perpetuate hate
- Understand that Asians and Asian Americans are not monolith as we encompass diverse cultures, ethnicities, traditions, backgrounds, and experiences
- Be cognizant of how microaggressions and model minority myth permeate our lives
- Hold each other accountable for our words and actions
- Report instances of APIDA hate crimes
- Donate to APIDA organizations that advocate against increasing law enforcement
- Support Asian owned local businesses and recommend their services to others
- Call our legislators and ask what they’re doing to support the APIDA community
- Check in on our friends and families within the APIDA community
- Listen to APIDA voices and experiences

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Resources:

Anti-Asian Violence resources, education and Asian organizations:

<https://anti-asianviolenceresources.carrd.co/>

Report anti-Asian incidents: stopaapihate.org

Asian Americans Advancing Justice: advancingjustice-aaajc.org

Asianati's Asian food directory in Cincinnati: asianati.com/directory

Atlanta, Georgia Resources:

Georgia AAPI sign-on statement: bit.ly/aaajcommunitystatement

Donate to support Atlanta victims and families: bit.ly/DonateToGeorgiaAAPICommunity

Share resources: bit.ly/georgiaAAPIcommunitycare

Non-exhaustive list of APIDA organizations that advocate against increasing law enforcement:

- napawf.org
- redcanarysong.net
- kiwa.org
- cpasf.org
- aiwa.org