



LVNBA STATEMENT CONDEMNING HATE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (“LVNBA”) issues the following statement in response to increasing incidents of harassment, discrimination, and attacks against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (“AAPI”) community:

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Asian Americans across the country have reported an alarming 150% increase in hate-induced incidents. Unfortunately, this wave of violence intensified in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, when Robert Aaron Long attacked several AAPI businesses and killed eight people, six of whom were Asian women. We mourn the loss of Daoyou Feng, Hyun J. Grant, Suncha Kim, Paul Andre Michels, Soon C. Park, Xiaojie Tan, Delaina Ashley Yaun, and Yong A. Yue. They remind us to do more to protect vulnerable communities from hate.

The LVNBA is both saddened and infuriated by continuing acts of violence against non-majority communities. We believe the Atlanta attacks are linked to racist and discriminatory rhetoric, including terms like “China virus” and “Kung-Flu,” that have been irresponsibly directed at the AAPI communities in Nevada and throughout our country.

We echo the words of National Bar Association President Tricia “CK” Hoffler: “[t]he hate crimes that took place this week are heartbreaking and reprehensible.” The LVNBA stands in solidarity with our AAPI brothers and sisters, and specifically extends its support to the South Asian Bar Association of Las Vegas, to assist in any way we can with efforts to put an end to such heinous violence. We call upon the entire Nevada legal community, including our Nevada elected officials, to publicly denounce hatred and violence toward the AAPI community.

The LVNBA stands to #STOPASIANHATE & #STOPAAPIHATE. Stand with us!

The LVNBA has compiled some resources (below) from various organizations for our learning and to assist in taking action.

Report any incident of bias or hate crimes:

- <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nv/pr/us-attorneys-office-and-fbi-condemn-acts-violence-and-discrimination-targeting-asian>
- <https://stopaapihate.org/>

Battling stereotypes and understanding history:

- The [PBS series Asian Americans](#) about the history of identity, contributions, and challenges experienced by Asian Americans
- The Smithsonian's video series [We are not a stereotype: Breaking down Asian Pacific American Bias](#), which explores what it means to be Asian Pacific American and the impacts of Asian Pacific American stereotypes
- [Asian Americans and Seattle's Civil Rights History](#)

Domestic Violence resources:

- <https://www.apichaya.org/>

Mental Health Resources:

- <https://www.asianmhc.org/>

The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (LVNBA) was originally incorporated in 1981 and reincorporated in 2005. Over the years, the LVNBA has grown from a small group of 14 trailblazing attorneys and judges into a vibrant organization. Since its founding, the LVNBA has increased in size and influence. Today, our members own their own companies and firms, are partners and associates at small, medium, and large law firms, are industry professionals and General Counsels, are students and professors at community colleges and the University of Nevada, hold elected office in local jurisdictions across Southern Nevada, pursue justice for clients as prosecutors and public defenders, serve Nevadans as members of the state's Legislature, Judiciary, Gaming Control Board, and Attorney General's Office as well as serve at the federal level in the Department of Justice and as members of the Federal Judiciary.