



MNA President & CEO Donna Murray-Brown issues statement of support in wake of violence against Asian Americans

The murders of eight people in Atlanta including six women of Asian descent this week is an unspeakable tragedy. We are heartbroken and horrified at this latest act of terror against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders which according to the coalition, Stop AAPI Hate, only exacerbates “[the fear and pain](#) that the Asian American community continues to endure.”

The killings in Atlanta on Tuesday come amid a rising tide of anti-Asian incidents nationwide over the past year—much of that fueled by pandemic-related rhetoric. Additionally, the attacks at the massage parlors sheds light on the plight of Asian women migrant workers who are marginalized and uniquely vulnerable to violence.

The anti-Asian violence and hate is abhorrent and has no place in our society. We must have equal and inclusive societies for all. MNA’s values are diversity, equity, inclusion, *and* justice. We oppose hate and discrimination in any form and stand in solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. As the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

We will remain vigilant in our fight against injustice. And we will not be silent. Because this isn’t just an Asian American issue—this is an American problem. We must do our part to speak up and call out racism and violence. We urge anyone who has witnessed or experienced a hate crime to report it. In Michigan, crimes can be reported to the Attorney General’s Hate Crimes Unit by calling 313-456-0200 or by email: hatecrimes@michigan.gov

To help combat xenophobia and racism, and to provide support for Asian American communities, visit these supportive resources:

- Stop AAPI Hate: <https://stopaapihate.org/>
- AAPI Women Lead: [@AAPIWomenLead](#)
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice – people can donate to them, or even attend one of their bystander trainings: <https://advancingjustice-aajc.org/events>
- Rising Voices of Asian American Families: <https://www.risingvoicesaaf.org/>
- Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC): https://www.michigan.gov/ogm/0,9597,7-394-102572_75958---,00.html

In solidarity,

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