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CONTACT:Ron Marcus
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THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES**

Since the onset of COVID-19 a year ago, [xenophobic statements and racial slurs](#) against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have escalated to acts of physical violence. In recent weeks we have witnessed a horrific increase in the frequency, brazenness, and brutality of these crimes.

The San Diego County Bar Association, an organization that deeply values community and inclusion, categorically condemns such acts, the people who perpetrate them, and a culture that promotes them. We stand resolutely in solidarity with organizations across the country, including the [National Asian Pacific American Bar Association](#), [Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego](#), and [Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego](#), that have made strong statements condemning these acts of violence.

But more than speaking out, we must all be vigilant at interrupting bias and reporting suspected hate crimes. To that end, we applaud the San Diego District Attorney's Office for establishing a [hotline and online reporting tool for suspected hate crimes](#), and all local, regional, and national agencies and organizations providing similar support, including [Stop AAPI Hate](#) and the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#).

We believe in the inherent right of all in this country to enjoy a life free from fear, hatred, and violence of any kind, and we are committed to working together with our community to protect this right.

To learn more about anti-racism and to get involved, visit the [SDCBA Anti-Racism Resources page](#).

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