



## **SFILEN Statement of Mourning and Solidarity Against Anti-AAPI Racism**

The San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network (SFILEN) grieves the loss of eight Atlanta community members, six of whom were Asian women, murdered by a white supremacist one week ago. We stand united against racist and patriarchal violence in all of its forms. We understand this violent attack as both a direct result of politicians' scapegoating of Asians throughout the pandemic, and also part of a much longer history of white supremacy, misogyny, imperialism, and xenophobia targeting Asians and Pacific Islanders in this country. These systems impact all immigrants and communities of color.

As a network of immigrant-led organizations serving African, Afro-Caribbean, Arab, Asian, API, and Latinx communities, we understand that racism is used to pit us against each other, because together we are powerful. This moment calls for solidarity and action. An attack against one of our communities is an attack on all our communities.

The attack on March 16, 2021 that left Delaina Ashley Yaun, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Julie Park, Park Hyeon Jeong, Paul Andre Michels, Hyun Jung Grant, and Suncha Kim dead was not an isolated incident. We are outraged by increasing anti-AAPI hate here in San Francisco, a city with its own long history of anti-Asian violence. We also know that San Francisco has a rich legacy of movement-building and organizing for immigrant rights, economic, social, and racial justice. Guided by the leadership of our Asian siblings in the movement for justice, we uplift the calls for action to stop anti-AAPI hate while rejecting solutions that increase criminalization and over-policing in our communities.

We invite our communities to join us in standing against anti-AAPI hate and supporting the leadership of organizations like the Coalition of Community Safety and Justice, who have launched a [Victims & Survivors Fund](#) as part of their work to build city-wide safety and support for survivors of anti-Asian violence.

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Arab Resource & Organizing Center  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus  
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Chinese for Affirmative Action  
Causa Justa::Just Cause  
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