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STATEMENT CONDEMNING TARGETED VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

The brutal murder of eight innocent people in Atlanta on Tuesday, six of them Asian American women, is a chilling reminder of the increase in racism and violence experienced this year by the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. The AAG stands against racism, xenophobia, gender violence, and hate, and we acknowledge the heightened trauma experienced at the intersection of racism and violence against women. It is deeply troubling that racist attacks so often target not only women, but also the elderly and other vulnerable people.

Overall, hate crimes in the US have accelerated in recent years according to the FBI, with nearly 8,000 incidents reported by law enforcement officers [in 2019 alone](#). One year ago, three Asian American Pacific Islander (hereafter AAPI) civil rights organizations jointly started the national [Stop AAPI Hate](#) website to begin documenting incidents of anti-AAPI harassment and violence. During that time, they have recorded 3,795 such incidents. Women were 2.3 times more likely than men to report harassment or violence. Because these numbers reflect reported incidents, the actual total is likely much higher. [Read Stop AAPI Hate's report](#).

AAG supports a safe and inclusive environment for all of our members. At this time of heightened misinformation and hate directed specifically at Asian and Asian American people, we renew our strongest condemnation of racially motivated harassment and violence.

We encourage any AAG member who has experienced or witnessed targeted discrimination against the AAPI community to [report the incident](#) to local law enforcement agencies and [Stop AAPI Hate](#). These accounts support evidence-based reporting and research, as well as policy intervention efforts and community actions to combat prejudice. You can find other ways to take action using [Stop AAPI Hate's action tool kit](#).

As always, the AAG hopes to serve as a resource for geographers, as well as an ally for any community experiencing discrimination. During this difficult time for the AAPI community, we will continue to engage with peer organizations and search for new opportunities to strengthen our understanding and show our support.