

## Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin Statement on Anti-Asian Racism and Xenophobic Attacks

While we are combating the spread of COVID-19 and violence against our Black community, the Asian American community is also fighting against the rise of anti-Asian sentiment.

The novel coronavirus has devastated nations across the globe. Its detrimental impact is felt disproportionately by vulnerable communities—front-line workers, older adults, people with certain health issues, economically disadvantaged individuals, and communities of color— including Asian and Asian-American people. We need to come together as a united front in denouncing racism and xenophobia.

The Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin (AAPI) is deeply troubled by the alarming rise in racist and xenophobic acts committed against people of Asian descent in reaction to the coronavirus pandemic. These acts are occurring around the world, across all of the United States, and within our own communities. Xenophobia, racism, and hate have no place in Wisconsin.

We call on policymakers, the media and the public to take affirmative steps to halt and condemn racism and xenophobia to ensure that the health and safety of all Americans are protected.

- We call for **policymakers** to take xenophobic and racist threats seriously by publicly condemning hate acts and take action to dismantle systemic racism.
- We ask **everyone** to refrain from using ethnicity and race to describe the virus. These practices perpetuate the racist association between the disease and Asian communities, and have the potential to both directly and indirectly incite hostility and violence toward our communities.
- We urge **the media** to discontinue the use of photographs depicting people of Asian descent in COVID-19 coverage and seek out the voice of the Asian community.
- We encourage **the public** to report hate incidents. Many hate crimes go unreported by victims, which hinders the ability to appropriately track and address them.

As long as communities of color, especially Black communities, are suffering from racist oppression, none of our communities can thrive.

We ask you to stand with the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Coalition of Wisconsin in condemning racist and xenophobic acts against the Asian American community and all marginalized groups.

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**Organizations Supporting the Statement authored by  
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**AAPI Organizations**

Artfluent Marketing and Design  
 Asian Student Union - UW Milwaukee  
 Bayanihan Student Organization (BSO) of Marquette University  
 Burmese Rohingya Community of Wisconsin  
 Chin Community of Milwaukee  
 ElevAsian  
 Hmong American Center  
 Filipino American Association of Wisconsin  
 Hmong American Friendship Association  
 Hmong American Leadership & Economic Development  
 Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce  
 Hmong Young Professionals  
 Japanese American Citizens League - WI  
 Japanese Culture Association - UW Milwaukee  
 Lao Women's Organization  
 Meat on the Street  
 Milwaukee Chinese Community Center (MCCC)  
 Milwaukee Consortium for Hmong Health  
 Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition  
 National Association of Asian American Professionals - MKE  
 Nyob Zoo Milwaukee TV  
 Organization of Chinese Americans - WI  
 Our Scholarship  
 Philippine-American Association of Madison & Neighboring Areas  
 Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin  
 United Hmong Wisconsin Outreach  
 United Lao Educational Development  
 Wisconsin Chinese Chamber of Commerce  
 Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association  
 Young Asian Professionals of Milwaukee  
 VS Pandango Enterprise LLC

**AAPI Elected Officials**

Eau Claire City Council Member Mai Xiong  
 Former Wausau City Council Member Mary Thao  
 Marathon County Supervisor & Village of Weston Board of Trustee Yee Leng Xiong  
 Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Kristy Yang  
 Milwaukee School Board Director Paula Phillips  
 West Allis Alderman Angelito Tenorio

**Elected Officials**

Milwaukee County Exec David Crowley  
 State Representative David Bowen  
 State Representative Evan Goyke  
 State Representative Christine Sinicki

State Representative Daniel Riemer  
 State Representative Jonathan Brostoff  
 State Representative Patrick Snyder  
 State Senator Chris Larson  
 Wausau Mayor Katie Rosenberg

**Partner Organizations**

Allied for Hope  
 American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin  
 African Methodist Episcopal Church  
 Bader Philanthropies Inc.  
 Buddhist Peace Fellowship of Milwaukee  
 Community Advocates  
 Define America  
 Democratic Party of Wisconsin  
 Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee  
 Equal Rights Commission Milwaukee  
 FORGE Inc.  
 Forward Latino  
 Greater Milwaukee Committee  
 Greater Milwaukee Foundation  
 Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA  
 Hindu Temple of Wisconsin  
 Hours Against Hate  
 Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee  
 Islamic Society of Milwaukee  
 Jewish Community Relations of Milwaukee  
 LISC Milwaukee  
 Local First Milwaukee  
 Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin  
 Madison Jewish Federation  
 MICAH, Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations  
 Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club  
 Milwaukee Brewers Foundation  
 Milwaukee Bucks  
 Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office  
 Milwaukee Jewish Federation  
 Milwaukee LGTB Community Center  
 Milwaukee Turner's, Inc.  
 Milwaukee Urban League  
 Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals  
 NAACP  
 Moravian Church in America, Western District  
 Nurturing Diversity Partners  
 Presbytery of Milwaukee  
 Professional Dimensions  
 Rid Racism Milwaukee



Sikh Temple of Wisconsin  
South East District, United Methodist Church  
TEMPO Milwaukee  
The Religious Society of Friends, The MKE Meeting  
Unitarian Universalist Congregations Southeastern Wisconsin  
United Church of Christ, Southeast Wisconsin Association  
United Church of Christ, Wisconsin Conference  
US Bank  
Voces De La Frontera  
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice  
Wisconsin Council of Churches  
Wisconsin Jewish Conference  
Wisconsin Council of Rabbis  
YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee  
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin  
Zeidler Center  
Zilber Family Foundation

## **ATTACHMENT - WHAT YOU CAN DO**

**Speak Up** - There are a number of resources and online trainings to help you as an individual citizen when you are confronted with difficult anti-Asian situations.

[The Asian American Advancing Justice \(AAJC\) - Stand Against Hatred](#)

[The Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\)](#)

[The Anti Defamation League - Resources for Parents, Children and Educators](#)

[Hollaback Bystander Intervention Online Training](#)

[Hollaback Bystander Intervention Download](#)

[Hollaback - How to Respond to Street Harassment](#)

[How to Respond to Coronavirus Racism](#)

**Reporting** - It is important to report all incidents to help respond and prevent further incidents. You should report any hate attacks immediately to your local police department. If it is not an emergency, you can report it to your local police department's non-emergency line.

In addition, there are several local and national entities you can report your incident to.

### Milwaukee & Wisconsin Area Reporting

Local FBI Reporting Line - 414-276-4684

Equal Rights Commission - 414-286-5532 or [ERC@milwaukee.gov](mailto:ERC@milwaukee.gov)

Milwaukee Police Department Non-Emergency Line - 414-933-4444

[Cia Siab - Wisconsin Incident Report Page](#)

### National Reporting

[AAPI Stories - Submit Your Story](#)

[Anti-Defamation League Report Incident](#)

[Asians Advancing Justice Incident Report](#)

[Asian Pacific Planning and Policy Reporting Center](#)

[Organization of Chinese Americans - Online Reporting](#)

[South Asians Leading Together Acts of Hate Database](#)