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Statement condemning Anti-Asian Racism and Hate

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The Folsom Cordova Community Partnership condemns the violence targeting members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities across the United States and all forms of racism, bigotry and discrimination. Such actions expose the racial divide in our country and underscore the need for a more equitable and inclusive society for everyone.

The shootings at three Atlanta-area spas that left eight people dead, including six Asian American women, are a tragic act of violence. These murders are painful reminders of the alarming rise of anti-Asian hate crimes across the U.S. that has been intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The organization Stop AAPI Hate reports nearly 3,800 incidents of violence and harassment against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. since March 19, 2020. Advocacy groups attribute this uptick to a broader xenophobia against Asian Americans during the coronavirus pandemic.

This is a traumatic time for our nation. The pandemic and economic crises continue to affect all of us, but history has shown that scapegoating racial, ethnic and religious minorities during times of crisis is misguided and detracts from finding real solutions to serious problems.

The Folsom Cordova Community Partnership is committed to building a culture of inclusion that ensures equitable opportunities for program participants and staff to contribute, succeed and grow. Through our cultural responsiveness efforts, we are committed to doing all that we can to ensure we meet this standard.