



CPC, CAAAV, AND CACF CONDEMN SEPARATE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN NAIL SALON AND VANDALISM TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN BROOKLYN

CALL FOR UNITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

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New York, NY – The Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC), CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities, the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF), and the undersigned organizations call for unity and condemn the violence that occurred on Friday at New Red Apple Nails in Brooklyn and the unrelated vandalism that happened to small businesses in South Brooklyn. As organizations that serve and advocate for the Asian American community of New York, it is our responsibility to call out and stand against anti-immigrant rhetoric and anti-Blackness and work with other communities of color toward racial justice.

Asian Americans are the fastest growing racial group in New York. While the Asian American community is increasingly brought to the table to promote diversity, equity and inclusion, we have a responsibility to recognize that justice for the Asian American community is bound to justice for the Black community. We must stand together to promote unity and solidarity, especially during a time when both communities are under attack. Simultaneously, we must call out the implicit bias within our own community, acknowledge where the model minority myth makes us complicit in Black oppression and the perpetuation of racist power structures, and categorically condemn anti-Blackness, especially when it results in violence and harm. We must recognize that structural racism is perpetuated in policies that restrict the well-being of Black communities and that Asian American communities do not experience racism in the same way.

While separate and unrelated incidents, the salon violence on Friday and the string of anti-Chinese graffiti on local businesses are recent examples of how common struggles for access have spiraled into tensions that pit our communities against each other. As wealth, power, and access become increasingly concentrated at the top, communities of color are pushed out and forced to compete over fewer resources and representation. Immigrants shut out of the traditional labor force have used small businesses to make their way in the American economy. But when our economic policy concentrates communities of color into neighborhoods that have historically been deprived of economic opportunity, we are forced to compete over fewer resources.

When our communities are pitted against each other, white supremacy is perpetuated. White supremacy is upheld when Asian American businesses threaten to call the police on a Black customer, despite the numerous stories of police brutality in the news. White supremacy is upheld when business owners respond to the service complaints of white or even Asian customers differently than Black customers, who may be met with violence. White supremacy is upheld when immigrant businesses are vandalized or when New Yorkers threaten to call ICE on immigrant businesses, despite numerous stories of immigration raids and family separation. White supremacy is upheld when Asian American workers who are sometimes exploited with long days and low pay may unjustly take their frustration out with Black customers. White supremacy is upheld when instead of dialogue, struggle and misunderstanding in communities of color erupt in violence.



CPC, CAAAV, CACF and the undersigned organizations call on the Asian American community and Black community to work together to build justice for all communities of color and to affirm our role and responsibility in confronting violence and anti-Blackness in our communities. As each of us and other leaders in the community release statements about these separate incidents, we call for sustained dialogue across communities of color toward racial justice.

About CPC

The Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) is the nation's largest Asian American social services organization. Founded in 1965, CPC aims to promote the social and economic empowerment of Chinese American, immigrant, and low-income communities of New York City.

About CAAAV

CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities is a pan-Asian community-based organization that works to build the power of low-income Asian immigrants and refugees in New York City. Founded in 1986, CAAAV develops leadership in Asian communities to impact the policies and institutions that affect their lives and to participate in a broader movement for racial and economic justice.

About CACF

The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) is the nation's only pan-Asian children and families' advocacy organization bringing together community-based organizations as well as youth and parents to fight for equity for Asian Pacific Americans. Founded in 1986, CACF aims to ensure Asian Pacific American families are safe, healthy, and leading fulfilled lives.

Signing Organizations:

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紐約市, 紐約州 — 華人策劃協會 (CPC), 亞裔反暴力聯盟 (CAAAV), 以及亞裔美國兒童和家庭聯盟 (CACF) 提倡團結, 譴責星期五在布魯克林New Red Apple Nails 發生的暴力案件以及在布魯克林南部對小型企業的破壞的事件。作為服務與擁護紐約亞裔社區的組織, 這是我們的責任, 大聲對抗反移民與反美國非裔以及其他有色社區的言論, 提倡種族正義和團結合作。

亞裔美國人是紐約發展最快的種族群體。當亞裔社區不斷地提倡促進多樣性, 公平性, 以及包容性, 我們必須意識到華裔群體與非洲裔群體的公正是緊密相連的。尤其在兩個社群共同受到攻擊的當下, 我們必須站在一起, 一同促進團結合作。同時, 我們務必要指出我們社區里的隱性的偏見, 承認“模範少數神話”使我們在美國對非裔壓迫和種族主義權力結構的長期存在中, 我們果斷譴責反美國非裔尤其當其會造成暴力與傷害。我們必須認識到, 結構性種族主義在限制美國非裔社區福祉的政策中長期存在, 而亞裔美國人社區也經歷了相似的種族主義。

雖然是單獨和沒有相連的事件, 但周五的沙龍暴力事件和當地企業的一系列反中國塗鴉是最近發生的事件, 說明普遍的獲取鬥爭如何加劇我們的社區相互衝突的緊張局勢。當財富, 權力, 與資源在不斷更集中於少部分的上層人事, 有色人種社區不得被排擠, 並被迫以更少的資源和代表性進行競爭。被傳統勞動力拒之門外的移民利用小企業在美國經濟中占據一席之地。但是, 當我們的經濟政策將有色人種社區集中在歷史上被剝奪經濟機會的社區時, 我們被迫獲取更少的資源。

當我們的社區互相爭鬥時, 白人至上就會永遠存在。儘管新聞中有大量關於警方暴行的報道, 但亞裔美國企業威脅要向一名美國非裔客戶報警時, 白人至高無上就不存在了。當企業主對白人甚至亞洲客戶的服務投訴做出回應時, 對與美國非裔客戶不同, 甚至可能對美國非裔使用暴力, 白人至上主義得到維護。儘管有許多關於移民被襲擊和家庭分離的故事, 但當移民企業遭到破壞或紐約人威脅要對移民企業致電ICE時, 白人至上主義得到維護。當亞裔美國工人長時間工作和獲得低工資時, 可能會不公平地將他們的挫敗感與美國非裔客戶一起消除, 白人至上又得到了擁護。這不是對話, 而是鬥爭和誤解爆發在暴力當中, 白人至上主義又一次得到了推崇。



华人策划协会 (CPC), 亚裔反暴力联盟 (CAA AV), 以及亚裔美国儿童和家庭联盟 (CACF) 呼吁亚裔美国人社区和美国非裔社区共同努力, 为所有有色社区建立正义, 并确认我们在应对社区暴力和反美国非裔方面的作用和责任。当我们每个人和社区中的其他领导者发布关于这些不同事件的陈述时, 我们呼吁在有色人种社区之间进行持续对话, 以实现种族正义。

关于华人策划协会 (CPC)

华人策划协会 (CPC) 是美国最大的亚裔美国社会服务组织。CPC 成立于1965年, 旨在促进纽约市华人, 移民和低收入社区的社会和经济赋权。

关于 CAAAV

亚裔反暴力联盟 (CAA AV) 是一个亚裔社区组织, 致力于在纽约市建立低收入亚裔移民和难民的权力。CAA AV 成立于1986年, 在亚裔社区发挥领导作用, 影响其生活的政策和机构, 并参与更广泛的种族和经济正义运动。

关于 CACF

亚裔美国儿童和家庭联盟 (CACF) 是全美唯一的泛亚儿童和家庭倡导组织, 将社区组织以及青年和父母聚集在一起, 为亚太裔美国人争取公平。CACF 成立于1986年, 旨在确保亚太裔美国家庭的安全, 健康和领先的生活。

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