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Statement: C.A.C.A. Mourns Shooting Victims in Atlanta

San Francisco, March 19, 2021 — the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) expresses its condolences to the survivors of eight people who were shot Tuesday night, March 16, at Atlanta-area spas. The victims were Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Andre Michels, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Julie Park, Hyeon Jeong Park and Elcias R. Hernandez-Ortiz. The eighth victim was not identified in respect of the family's request. Only Mr. Hernandez-Ortiz survived the shootings and remains hospitalized in intensive care.

The Atlanta police arrested a 21-year-old man suspected of being a lone gunman.

The recent surge of violence aimed at the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has triggered a nationwide climate of fear and panic where nearly 3,800 incidents of hate, discrimination or attacks on Asian Americans had been reported between March 2020 and February 2021 according to Stop AAPI Hate, a reporting center tracking and responding to incidents of hate.

“While law enforcement have not completed its investigation, our society must nevertheless remain vigilant and stand united against senseless violence in order to ensure that justice is served,” stated C.A.C.A. National President Melanie Chan.

Reaction from our national leaders to attacks on Asians has been encouraging to AAPIs especially in contrast to past weak official responses. C.A.C.A. commended President Joe Biden for his National Address* on March 12 delivering strong condemnation of hate acts committed against Asian Americans, who “are forced to live in fear for their lives just walking down streets in America. It’s wrong, it’s un-American and it must stop.”

With 20 chapters nationwide, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance is the oldest, continuous civil rights and advocacy organization for Americans of Chinese ancestry established in 1895.

* see www.cacanational.org/CACA_pdf/news_release_CACA_Biden_National_Address_March2021.pdf

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Orange County (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Sacramento (CA), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.