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ALL STUDENTS, ACADEMICS AND STAFF AT UC SAN DIEGO (Including UC San Diego Health)

Standing with our Asian Community Members

UC San Diego strongly condemns the string of violence perpetrated against the Asian, Asian American, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander communities. An 83-year-old woman was randomly attacked on a San Diego Metropolitan Transit System trolley on February 8; a 91-year-old man in Oakland was pushed face down into a sidewalk; and an 84-year-old man died recently after being assaulted on his morning walk in San Francisco. These accounts, and many others including physical and psychological harm, are deeply disturbing tragedies.

The recent rise of violence has been connected to hate-mongering, scapegoating, and racism as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. We recognize and condemn all acts of anti-Asian racism and violence. We stand in solidarity with our Asian, Asian American, Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander communities at UC San Diego, in our local community, in the U.S.

and around the world.

These deplorable race-based attacks reinforce the need to advance and practice civil engagement and to promote and advocate for justice for all. As Tritons, we will continue our longstanding efforts to build inclusive communities that strengthen civic life for everyone. Through these actions, we demonstrate our fundamental commitment to antiracism and promote inclusion for all those who consider America their home.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, as well as other units, has been actively engaged in ongoing community conversations to provide spaces for healing and to identify ways to be agents of change during these difficult times. To learn more about xenophobia and how to effectively combat its harmful effects, we encourage you to watch a recent UC San Diego webinar, [Tritons Tackling Xenophobia: Battling Racism in the Era of COVID-19](#). Other excellent resources are available on the [Asian Pacific Islander Middle Eastern Desi American \(APIMEDA\) website](#).

If you have experienced racial bigotry or believed you have been targeted at UC San Diego, please report the incident to the [Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination \(OPHD\)](#).

We understand that events of this nature can affect everyone in different ways. If needed, we encourage you to seek support through one of the many campus resources. If you are a student, please contact [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) at (858) 534-3755. If you are a campus employee, contact the [Faculty and Staff Assistance Program](#) at (858) 534-5523. If you are a UC San Diego Health employee, call (866) 808-6205, company code UCSDMC or review information pertaining to the [Employee Assistance Program](#) on Health HR's website.

Although statements such as these do not resolve the intractable issues we face as a country, or even begin to heal the hurt and trauma caused by structural and systemic racism and discrimination, UC San Diego remains committed to supporting a climate of care and belonging. Collectively, let us continue to work together for a more just, equitable and humane society in our service, engagement, pedagogy, community, and collaborative efforts.

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