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Stop AAPI Hate: “New administration must join the fight against Asian American racism and hate”

November 7, 2020 — *Stop AAPI Hate issued this statement following the outcome of the 2020 presidential election:*

“We look forward to working with the incoming administration to ensure a safer country for Asian Americans. Over the past eight months, Stop AAPI Hate has received reports revealing that Asian Americans have been the victims of thousands of racist attacks since COVID-19 began to spread in our country and continue to live in a climate of fear and discrimination that impacts their daily lives. These attacks have been exacerbated by anti-Asian American rhetoric pushed forward by elected officials, as well as by dozens of policies from the previous administration.

It’s vital that the incoming administration takes immediate responsibility for challenging and addressing the racist hate that is in danger of permeating our society and undoing the xenophobic policies that target the Asian American community.

We call upon the incoming administration to increase civil rights protections for Asian Americans and to reverse politically-motivated policies put into place by the

previous administration that target China or disproportionately impact Asian Americans — including the immigration ban suspending visas from China, the ban on Chinese students and researchers and policies targeting the use of WeChat. We call on the administration to strike down the ban on federal racial sensitivity trainings, which are a key tool that we use to combat discrimination. Furthermore, we will continue to demand that all political leaders stop using dangerous, racist language that has only resulted in the suffering of Asian Americans — people they are supposed to represent.

These solutions are possible and will go a long way toward protecting the human rights and safety of the Asian American community.”

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About Stop AAPI Hate:

Stop AAPI Hate is a national coalition aimed at addressing anti-Asian discrimination amid the pandemic founded by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), and San Francisco State University’s Asian American Studies Department. Between March 19 and October 7, 2020, Stop AAPI Hate received 2,738 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans across the U.S. Visit www.stopaapihate.org