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Dear MMCC Community,

Over the past year, we have seen the searing images of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) being brutally attacked throughout our country. Hate has taken residence in our communities and this cannot be tolerated. The vitriol and toxic speech have fueled these violent assaults and made a group of people moving targets due to ignorance. According to Stop AAPI Hate, a coalition that documents the rise of anti-Asian attacks have reported 2,808 incidents targeting Asian Americans since the pandemic.

We cannot forget that the blistering sting of racism and intolerance affects us all. If we grow insensitive to the plight of others, then we are not any different from the culprits themselves. When we disconnect ourselves from each other we lose a part of our humanity. Ask yourself can we truly afford to do that?

This road is all too familiar to us as a society. History has taught us when we fail to address the underlying issues, we are doomed to repeat the same mistakes. These long-lasting traumatic effects will be the burden of future generations who will bear the emotional scars of the past. We must use our collective voices to amplify the message that hate has no place anywhere in the world. The MMCC community stands firm with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the fight against discrimination, intolerance and injustice.

Respectfully,

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