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**YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Statement on Recent Acts of Violence against Asian Americans
March 18, 2021**

Yet again our hearts are heavy for those attacked, and lives lost in Atlanta and California in recent days. As we witness yet another wave of statements of solidarity and decrying of these repeated incidents of violence and racism, we continue to lift up the question “When will our country take an honest look at itself, acknowledge the firm grip and root of racism, and resolve to address it?”

Racism harms our entire society. While the effects of racism are more acutely experienced by our Asian, Black, Brown, Indigenous and other historically marginalized families and communities, racism also impacts those who perpetuate it and those who are complicit.

What has been transpiring all over the country and most cruelly and recently in Atlanta should shake us all and we must demand not only justice and accountability at the individual level but accountability and change from all levels of government to prevent hate crimes and actively eradicate racism.

As Audre Lorde said “I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own.” The lives of the women that were so brutally and cowardly taken are our own, the elders who were killed and attacked are our elders, any hate crime against our sisters is a hate crime against us. Because of that, we must not only stand with them but fight together for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. And we will be in this fight Until Justice Just Is.

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