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Montgomery County's Faith Community Advisory Group Stands With Our Asian American Pacific Islander Neighbors and Condemns Hate, Bias, and Violence

Montgomery County, Maryland has long been committed to building a safe, inclusive, and just community and society, celebrating the richness of our diversity, providing equitable opportunity for all, and supporting one another to grow and thrive. Montgomery County leaders, government and civic, stand strongly against all forms of hate, discrimination, and extremism.

We, representatives of the vibrant and diverse faith community in Montgomery County, deplore and condemn current and historical instances of bias, hate, and violence against our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) brothers and sisters; and most recently, the tragic murders of six Asian American women and two others in Georgia. We are deeply concerned with the dramatic increase in instances of hate, bias, and violence against the AAPI community since the start of the pandemic. We reject the toxic rhetoric that fuels it. We stand with our AAPI neighbors in mourning this loss - a loss for all of us - and we recommit to strive for an immediate return to the traditional values of inclusivity, solidarity, and mutual support that we share.

We call on all citizens of Montgomery County to do the same, and to work with us to always promote acceptance and respect for the dignity of every human being at all times and in all places in our community. This, our faith traditions call us to do. We are committed to creating a community and society in Montgomery County that is inclusive, just, and respects the human rights of all. When we see any instance of disrespect, hate, bias, or violence against our AAPI neighbors, we will stand up, speak out, and oppose it. Join us!

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