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Dear Monarchs,

On Wednesday, a gunman in Atlanta, Georgia took the lives of eight people, six of whom were women of Asian descent. During this past year, we have witnessed increased acts of racism against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. All of these acts, and especially these recent murders, are heartbreaking. I have no words of condemnation that are strong enough for this situation.

The authenticity of our antiracism efforts demands us to speak out against this tragedy, and I urge the campus community to join me in reaching out to people affected, particularly our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members to express our support. Acts of violence are never acceptable. Condemning the acts of violence is not enough. We must act with intentionality to ensure that our community members know that they are seen, valued, and supported.

In addition to showing support for our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members, I would like to challenge every member of our campus community over the next week to expand our understanding of the impact that our Asian American and Pacific Islander family members face. Yesterday, Cathy Jin led an Antiracism Call to Action: Quick Talk on the Model Minority Myth. She shared an article, "[What Is the Model Minority Myth](#)," by Sarah-SoonLing Blackburn. Phung Huynh also shared an article with me from her work with the Anti-racism Committee of South Pasadena, by Will Hoadley-Brill, "[Arc Condemns Anti-AAPI Hate and Violence](#)." If you haven't already read these articles, please take a few minutes to do so. Some other important resources are available at:

- ❖ [Stop AAPI Hate](#)
- ❖ [National Council of Asian Pacific Americans](#)
- ❖ [Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA](#), and
- ❖ [Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council](#)

Please let me know if there are any other resources that you recommend. Let's keep looking for additional opportunities to deepen our understanding and ability to provide support.

We must fully commit to our values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism. Please reach out to me to share additional ideas you have and let me know how I can provide additional support.

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