



National CAPACD Condemns Act of White Supremacist Violence

National CAPACD extends our condolences to the family of Heather Heyer, an anti-racist activist who was brutally murdered by white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia on Saturday. Our hearts also go out to the people of Charlottesville, who have been collectively traumatized by the violent takeover of their community.

As a national network of Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations committed to civil and human rights, we are deeply disturbed by rising white supremacist violence in this country-- violence that has been emboldened by the current Administration's hateful rhetoric and anti-immigrant policies. In response to this act of hate, National CAPACD's Executive Director Seema Agnani said, "We call upon our nation's leaders to remain committed to our shared values of freedom, justice, and dignity for all Americans. Politicians on both sides of the aisle must come together to condemn white supremacy in all its forms."

"These acts of White violence have long been supported by our country's institutions, policies, and leaders," said Joseph Lyons- Santos, Executive Director of member organization, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO). "The acts and threats of violence must be rejected, and we understand that right now it is especially critical for White and non-Black communities of color to shoulder the efforts of countering the rhetoric and violence in ways we are able... We also must recognize that it should not have taken what happened at Charlottesville to mobilize the masses – every day, Black, Brown, and Native communities experience the brunt of the violence carried out by White Supremacy."

Local organizations and activists put their lives on the line to combat racism every day. National CAPACD remains committed to standing alongside them to fight for a world where communities of color can live free from violence and fear.