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Resources and Support for Dealing with Anti-AAPI Harassment and Violence

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Introduction

Washington, DC is made up of diverse communities that come together to live, work, and play in a city that serves as the nation's capital. For the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) that make up about 5% of the city's population, while many have been able to thrive and call the city home, we have also faced many challenges. During the COVID-19 pandemic, hate crimes and violence against AAPI communities have risen at an exponential rate.

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) has identified a list of resources that residents and businesses can use to find support in addressing hate crimes because #HateStopsWithUs.

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Resources

CITY GOVERNMENT

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs serves as an important resource for AAPI residents of the District of Columbia. Outreach staff provide multilingual support and information in Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. Staff also have proficiency in Tagalog and Spanish.

Information about MOAPIA and resources in other city agencies include:

- Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (*https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/moapia*)
- DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development (*https://www.open-dc.gov/public-bodies/commission-asian-and-pacific-islander-community-development*)
- Metropolitan Police Department:
  - Asian Liaison Unit (*https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/asian-liaison-unit*)
  - Victims Services Branch (*https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/victim-services-branch*)
- DC Public Schools: Anti-Bullying Resources web site (*https://dcps.dc.gov/bullying*)
- DC Office of Human Rights (*https://ohr.dc.gov/*)
- Department of Aging and Community Living: Supports for seniors are available on their website (*https://dacl.dc.gov/services*)
- Department of Behavioral Health:
  - Adult Services (*https://dbh.dc.gov/service/adult-services*)
  - Child and Family Services (*https://dbh.dc.gov/service/children-youth-and-family-services*)

- Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services: Services and supports in all eight wards (*https://mocrs.dc.gov/page/staff-and-contact-information*)
- Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (*https://communityaffairs.dc.gov*): Constituency services for vulnerable groups
- Office of Attorney General Karl Racine: Hate Crimes Resources (*https://oag.dc.gov/*)



LOCAL DISTRICT RESOURCES

The District of Columbia's AAPI population numbers approximately 47,000, roughly 7% of the entire city, and nationwide trends have the AAPI community as the fastest growing racial/ ethnic group in the country. There are a number of local organizations with full time staff that provide services and supports to the AAPI community and residents of the District of Columbia. These include nonprofit organizations, as well as faith based institutions, that have a history of serving communities and addressing hate violence.

- Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC): Legal referral services for AAPI communities (*https://apalrc.org*)
- Asian American Youth Leadership Empowerment and Development (AALEAD): Local organization supporting low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth (*https://aalead.org*)
- Asian Pacific Islander Senior Services Center: Service organization in Chinatown under the governance of Terrific Inc., a nonprofit funded by DACL to support seniors in Washington, DC (*https://www.terrificinc.org/api*)
- Chinese Community Church (*https://www.cccdc.com/*)
- Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church (*https://mvpumc.org/*)
- Chùa Giác Hoàng: Buddhist temple in Washington, DC (*http://chuagiachoangdc.org/index.html*)
- Sikh Gurdwara, DC: Temple for Sikh religion in Washington, DC (*https://sikhgurdwaradc.org/*)
- Masjid Muhammad: Muslim mosque in Washington, DC (*https://thenationsmosque.org/*)

Please note that there are many other local organizations serving AAPI communities that are volunteer run. For more information about organizations and communities in the District of Columbia, contact MOAPIA.

NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE AAPI COMMUNITY

As the nation's capital, Washington, DC has the benefit of being home to a number of national organizations dedicated to serving the AAPI community. In addition to their national mandate, many of these organizations serve as resources for local communities in Washington, DC. Many of them, including longstanding organizations such as *OCA: Asian Pacific American Advocates* and the *Japanese American Citizens League*, additionally have local volunteer run chapters that serve the community here in the District and the region.

- StopAAPIHate: National initiative tracking and addressing bias-motivated violence against AAPIs attributed to COVID-19 (*https://stopaapihate.org*)
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC: National Asian American legal and civil rights organization providing anti-Asian violence response support in response to COVID-19 (*https://www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/covid19*)
- National Council of Asian Pacific Americans: Coalition of national AAPI advocacy organizations based in Washington, DC. (*https://ncapaonline.org*)