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The past 12 months have been a difficult year for all and without a doubt, the recent rise in Anti-Asian violence and hate crimes is weighing heavily on us. It has been especially painful to see our elders and women targeted. It seems that now there are daily incidents being reported. It feels sadly familiar. It feels overwhelming. We need time to process. We grieve for the victims. We fear for ourselves and our loved ones. We may want to retreat. We might want to yell and scream because we are pissed.

It is important to acknowledge all these feelings, take care of each other, and ourselves. At the same time, TACT members are more determined than ever to work on multiple fronts to fight racism and hatred of all forms. We are doing it with our friends and family, with our colleagues and allies. We are doing it at home, at school, and across communities.

We are inspired by the countless individuals and organizations who have stepped up to denounce all these acts of violence and are doing their part, everyone from the brave volunteers who have taken upon themselves to organize neighborhood watches to protect our elderly in Oakland and SF Chinatowns to those who are working at the state and federal levels to advocate for change.

We are inspired by our educators who work tirelessly to educate and support students as they try to make sense of all this and to understand the history and underlying factors behind hate.

We are inspired by youngsters like Ashlyn So, a 13-year-old seventh grader at Burlingame Intermediate School, who organized a “Stand For Asians” Rally.

Indeed, none of us are sitting still. We stand with our community. We stand with you.

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We hope that the following information and resources will help support you in some way.

Upcoming Events:

- The Chinese Progressive Association is [hosting a vigil](#) in Chinatown's Portsmouth Square this Saturday, March 20, at 12PM Pacific Time.
- There will be a webinar this Sunday, March 21 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time. **Topic: Jen & Victoria Discuss: Racial Violence Against Asian-American Communities (with special guests).** Click [here](#) to see details and register for the event. This is a donation-based webinar with funds going to Korean American Family Services.

Want to do more? Check out these resources:

- [Stop Anti-Asian Violence Now](#) statement from the Asian Art Museum. It includes different ways you can support the local Asian American community. Check out recent art exhibitions that uplift, empower, and help our community heal.
- TACT instructional resources and presentations: tactsf.org/fear
 - [\[new\] SF Harassment Ordinances](#)
 - [\[new\] Fear, Racism and Disease - Part 1](#)
 - [\[new\] Fear, Racism and Disease - Part 2: A Plague of Corruption](#)
 - [Xenophobia During the Time of the Coronavirus \(April 2020\)](#)
- [Asian Americans in the People's History of the United States](#) [Zinn Education Project]
- Report any Anti-Asian hate/incidents to [Stop AAPI Hate](#).