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Dear Carolina family,

The Residence Hall Association and Carolina Housing stand in solidarity with the Asian American community and denounce all hate crimes against Asian Americans. As the rise in violence continues to emerge across the country, we recognize the repeated trauma experienced by the Asian American community. We condemn all violence as a result of actions rooted in xenophobia, racism, homophobia, and transphobia. **These systematic forms of oppression have been further exposed and exacerbated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Most recently, we recognize and mourn the death of eight people who were killed in Fulton County, Georgia yesterday- six of whom were women of Asian descent. Even more were wounded. This attack followed nearly 3,800 hate incidents targeting Asian Americans since March 2020. We, the Executive Board of the Residence Hall Association and Carolina Housing, stand in solidarity with the families of these victims and all those who continue to face discrimination every day. RHA reiterates its commitment to ensuring that everyone in our community, not only *feels* supported but is *actively* supported through intentional programming, recognition, and advocacy. We stand in solidarity with our campus partners in advocating for the mental health of Asian American students and we encourage you to engage with the mental health resources provided through the UNC Asian American Center, Student Wellness at UNC, Counseling and Psychological Services, as well as nationally recognized resources whose links can be found at the end of this statement.

As stated at the beginning of the year, Advocacy is not just a pillar of RHA. It is a philosophy our student leaders live by. The students at this university and within the Residence Hall Association represent identities that span cultures from around the world, and in times of outrage, fear, hurt, and deep pain, it is our responsibility to stand up for each other, educate ourselves, offer support, and condemn bigotry in all its forms. RHA and Carolina as a whole are stronger together as a community- unified in the pursuit of **justice, equity, and inclusion.**

In Solidarity,

Residence Hall Association, 2020-2021 Executive Board

Carolina Housing



Mental Health Resources:

UNC Asian American Center Resources for Mental Health & Reporting Hate Crimes

<https://aac.unc.edu/resources>

Student Wellness

<https://studentwellness.unc.edu/>

Counseling & Psychological Services

<https://caps.unc.edu/>

National Institutes of Mental Health Resource

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help/index.shtml>

National Alliance on Mental Health Resource Guide

<https://www.nami.org/Support-Education/NAMI-HelpLine/COVID-19-Information-and-Resources/COVID-19-Resource-and-Information-Guide>

Coronavirus Crisis Text Line:

https://www.crisistextline.org/topics/get-help-coronavirus/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIjPTJ2q7j6QIVFQIICR0dYwDgEAAYASAAEgJ5d_D_BwE#for-healthcare-workers-6