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Official Statement on Violence Against Asian-Americans

4DL condemns the racial violence that tragically happened this week in Atlanta, as well as the racial violence that goes unreported everyday throughout the US.

We condemn racial hate and violence in the strongest of terms. A nation of immigrants, founded upon the rape, pillaging, and genocide of its first citizens alongside the 400-year enslavement of African peoples stolen from their homeland to build the country they would ultimately disinherit, must courageously acknowledge its tragic history and its generational impact on the now.

Angela Harvey-Bowen stated, “When America defiantly pushes back against the very system that made it a global superpower, only then will we see a reduction in the senseless loss of life and the pain and suffering baked into the racism we’ve come to know and understand.”

We stand with the Asian-American Pacific Islander community as they face an all too well-known type of violence. We call on those who continue to use dangerous, fear-mongering, lazy rhetoric that incites hate and violence to cease immediately. For each of the victims lost in Atlanta yesterday, we say your names and are deeply saddened to add you to a long list of those who’ve met with this fate.

4DL envisions school-level change, whereby both the enabling conditions for transformation and a cadre of transformation-ready leaders are cultivated on an ongoing basis.