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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
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The Honorable Robert Rivas  
Speaker of the Assembly  
P.O. Box 942849-0029  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Monique Limón  
Senate President pro Tempore  
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**RE: Support for a \$100 Million FY2026-2029 Investment in the Stop the Hate Program**

Dear Governor Newsom, Speaker Rivas, and Senate President pro Tempore Limón,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and community leaders, we are writing to respectfully request the reauthorization of the Stop the Hate grant program, which statutorily expires June 30, 2026, to include \$100 million in funding over three years from FY2026-2029.

No Californian should be afraid to leave their homes because they expect to be physically and verbally assaulted when they go outside. Today, Californians are experiencing an onslaught of anti-immigrant attacks, xenophobia, anti-religious hate, racial scapegoating, LGBTQ discrimination, and more. According to the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), 1 in 11 Californians directly experienced hate in 2024, an estimated 3.1 million Californians. One study estimated that the annual cost of hate crimes nationally is \$3.4 billion.

In 2021, the historic \$165.5 million API Equity Budget brought much-needed relief to communities impacted by hate—including a four year, \$140 million investment in the Stop the hate program. This funding created a social safety net of 180 trusted community-based organizations to help impacted Californians, including Asian, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ+, Pacific Islander communities, and people with disabilities heal from hate-based violence and return to work, school, and their communities. Community organizations across the state have utilized these funds to resource direct services for survivors, advance violence prevention efforts, and build systems change solutions to prevent hate violence. This investment is one of the most significant government actions taken to address hate and its impact has helped millions of Californians receive the support they need to feel safe again in their own bodies and communities.

In the first two years, this investment enabled nearly two million Californians to receive direct, intervention or prevention services. Over 100,000 survivors received counseling, mental health services, and referrals to legal services. Our social safety net also provided emergency financial aid, food deliveries, support groups, transportation for seniors, and more. We know these services were effective because the people and communities we served through this program were able to return to work, to school, and to their communities.

Federal threats are heightening the urgency around our ability to respond to hate, especially in our immigrant communities and communities of color. Governor Newsom highlighted our work stating: “While the federal government tries to build division among neighbors and communities...[i]n California, we’re not afraid to speak up and speak out for each other. From millions in public safety funding to nation-leading programs like CA vs Hate, we’ll keep doing the work to make sure every Californian feels welcome and safe in our state.”

But this critical work cannot be sustained without the Legislature’s and Governor’s continued support. People are still not safe. Californians are still afraid to leave their homes fearing they will be targeted because of how they look. Between 2024 to 2025, California anti-Latino hate increased by 14.8%, anti-Muslim hate increased by 28%, and anti-Sikh hate increased by 150% – and those numbers are only reported incidents. The Stop the Hate social safety net that California has built is ready to meet this moment but is at risk of crumbling if its funding is not reauthorized next year.

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research found that Californians from communities who have historically been targeted by hate violence are not only disproportionately impacted, but are also more likely to report 1) their needs have been unmet and that 2) there must be sustained support for survivors that are tailored to the communities they belong to. In response to these findings, they named Stop the Hate as a “critical funding mechanism that supports local organizations in implementing anti-hate interventions and providing support services to victims.”

We, the undersigned organizations and community leaders, stand ready to partner with you to ensure that the Legislature and Governor understand that their investment in this social safety net and community transformation program is not just worthy in reinvestment, but can continue to transform the lives of survivors of hate violence and the communities they live in.

Respectfully,

211LA  
38th Parallel inc  
A B L E Community Development Foundation  
AAPI Equity Alliance  
AAPI FORCE  
ACC Senior Services  
Access California Services  
Action Council of Monterey County, Inc.  
Ahri Center  
Antelope Valley Partners for Health  
API RISE

Asian American Drug Abuse Program  
Asian American Research Center on Health  
Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center, Inc.  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California  
Asian Health Services  
Asian Law Alliance  
Asian Law Caucus  
Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers  
Asian Resources Inc.  
Asian Youth Center (AYC)  
ASIAN, Inc. 美亞輔鄰社  
Bienestar Human Services OR BIENESTAR-Hate Violence Prevention Partnership-L.A  
Black Youth Leadership Project  
BPSOS Center for Community Advancement, Inc.  
Bridge Builders Foundation  
CA Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative  
CAIR-CA (Council on American-Islamic Relations, California)  
CalAsian Foundation  
California Health Collaborative  
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.  
California State University San Marcos  
Cambodia Town, Inc.  
Casa Familiar  
Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties  
Center for Asian Americans in Action  
Center for the Prevention of Hate & Bullying  
Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative  
Chinatown Service Center  
Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco  
Chinese for Affirmative Action  
Chinese Progressive Association  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Communities Actively Living Independent & Free (CALIF)  
Community Coalition  
Community Health for Asian Americans  
Community Interventions  
Community Matters  
Community Youth Center of San Francisco  
Confluence Rising  
Dolores Huerta Foundation  
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant  
Education and Leadership Foundation  
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities  
Equality California

Faith and Community Empowerment  
Families in Good Health at St. Mary Medical Center  
Family Assistance Program  
Family Bridges  
Filipino Advocates for Justice  
Filipino Community of Sacramento and Vicinity  
Filipino Migrant Center  
Fresno Immigrant and Refugee Ministries (FIRM)  
Groundswell  
Healing Together  
Helpline Youth Counseling  
Hmong Innovating Politics  
Hmong Youth and Parents United  
'Umeke  
Imperial Valley LGBT Resource Center  
Imperial Valley Social Justice Committee  
Inland Chinese American Alliance  
InnerCity Struggle  
Jacqueline Tran Consulting  
Karen Organization of San Diego  
Khmer Girls in Action  
KIWA  
Korean American Coalition - Los Angeles  
Korean American Family Services (KFAM)  
Korean American Federation of Los Angeles  
Korean Community Services (Orange County)  
Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC)  
LA Commons  
Lao Family Community Development  
Latino Equality Alliance  
Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP)  
Little Manila Rising  
Little Saigon San Diego  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
MARU (formerly Korean Community Center of the East Bay)  
Merced Lao Family Community, Inc.  
NAACP CA/HI State Conference  
National Conflict Resolution Center  
North County LGBTQ Resource Center  
Not In Our Town  
Oakland Asian Cultural Center  
Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

Oasis Legal Services  
OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates - Greater Los Angeles  
OCA Sacramento Chapter  
Operation-HOPE North County  
Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)  
Orange County Herald Center  
Outside the Lens  
Pacific Arts Movement  
Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment  
Pacific Asian Counseling Services (PACS)  
Pacific Islander Health Board  
Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP)  
Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center  
Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California  
Pillars of the Community  
Pretend City, the Children's Museum of Orange County  
Queer Humboldt  
queercasa  
Racial & Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition  
Saahas For Cause  
Sacramento State University  
San Diego Pride  
Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation  
Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA)  
Self-Help for the Elderly  
SF Community Health Center  
Somali Family Service of San Diego, Inc  
South Asian Network  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)  
Southern California Pilipinx American Student Alliance  
Southland Integrated Services, Inc.  
Special Service for Groups, Inc.  
St. John's Community Health  
Stop AAPI Hate  
The Cambodian Family  
The Center at Sierra Health Foundation  
The Community Action League  
The Fresno Center  
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach  
The TransLatin@ Coalition  
Toishan Benevolent association  
transcENDANCE Youth Arts Project  
TransFamily Support Services  
UCLA Labor Center

United Cambodian Community

Uplift the Human Spirit

Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC)

Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Association (VAALA)

Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay

Vincent Chin Institute

Vital Access Care Foundation

YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles