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## **OCA Sacramento Urges Communities to Stand Together in Wake of Vandalism Targeting Asian-American Family**

**Sacramento, CA, March 10, 2020** – OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates, Sacramento Chapter released the following statement today in response to an [incident of anti-Asian vandalism](#) that occurred in Fresno, related to the coronavirus:

“OCA Sacramento condemns the unwarranted discrimination towards Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (APIs) due to the coronavirus. The uncertainty surrounding the disease, how it is spread and the lack of a vaccine are legitimately concerning, but the hysteria and hate-mongering are indefensible and dangerous. We need to work together to continue to make sure that our family and loved ones are safe during this unprecedented event.”

Echoing [a previous statement issued by our parent organization](#), “the notion that Chinese and other immigrants are contagious is racist and extremely harmful, resulting in discrimination against Asian American-owned businesses and Asian Americans in all aspects of life. Asian Americans are once again being targeted as aliens, deemed perpetual foreigners, and wrongly accused as public health threats”.

OCA Sacramento strongly urges community leaders to help end the spread of misinformation regarding coronavirus, and to speak out against hate crimes targeting Asian Americans and all other ethnic groups. Following CDC guidelines on how to keep our communities safe is the most effective way of staying healthy; not perpetuating xenophobic discrimination.

If you or someone you know is the target of a hate incident or hate crime, please report the incident on the OCA Reporting tool ([aapihatecrimes.org](http://aapihatecrimes.org)) in addition to alerting your local law enforcement or authorities.

“If you see someone being harassed or targeted in a hate crime, say something. If you are unable to say anything, then check on the victim afterward to check if they are okay,” said Jinky Dolar, President of OCA Sacramento.