

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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Supervisors Denounce Violence and Discrimination Against Asian Americans

Milwaukee – On Tuesday a gunman <u>killed eight people</u> across three Atlanta-area spas—six of whom were women of Asian descent—in the latest example of a rising number of violent Anti-Asian American crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson and Supervisors Ryan Clancy, Eddie Cullen, Joseph J. Czarnezki, Jason Haas, Willie Johnson, Jr., Patti Logsdon, Felesia A. Martin, Sylvia Ortiz-Velez, Shawn Rolland, Steven Shea, Liz Sumner, Anthony Staskunas, Sequanna Taylor, Sheldon A. Wasserman and John Weishan, Jr. released the following statement denouncing all violence and discrimination against Asian Americans.

"The tragedy that happened in Georgia on Tuesday night is only the most recent incident in a disturbing surge of violence and hate directed towards the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community over the past year.

"The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors stands strongly with the AAPI community and denounces all acts of violence and discrimination committed against people based on race or ethnicity.

"In order to achieve our vision of becoming the healthiest county in Wisconsin by achieving racial equity, we must call out all acts of hate whenever they occur."

Stop AAPI Hate, an advocacy group documenting anti-Asian hate and discrimination during the pandemic, received <u>2,808 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian acts</u> in 2020 alone. A <u>recent report</u> from NPR indicated that Anti-Asian American attacks may be even higher than reported numbers show.