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To our Asian/AAPI family in the struggle,

We want to take this opportunity to unequivocally denounce the recent racist, xenophobic, and Anti-Asian/AAPI violence that has impacted so many in our community. We want to show our support for those experiencing anxiety, fear, or pain at this time.

Scapegoating has no place in our community. For so many, this moment is a reminder of the historic and barbaric treatment of the Asian/AAPI community in the United States, most famously resulting in the Chinese Exclusion Act and Japanese Internment. We cannot allow those ideas to manifest into reality today. We must stand up and against these hateful Anti-Asian/AAPI messages.

We are committed to standing out and against racist anti-Asian/AAPI violence and standing up and in solidarity with Asian, Asian-American/AAPI students, faculty, and families in our community. We call on the larger campus community to join us. We ask that our campus leadership speak swiftly and directly to denounce all forms of racism, xenophobia, and hatred impacting so many communities of color.

We are dedicated to doing the important interpersonal and intrapersonal work necessary to ensure our actions align with our words and we will continue to speak out against Anti-Asian/AAPI violence in our community.

Most importantly, we want our students to know that they are welcome in the African American Studies Department at De Anza College. We see you, we support you, and we have your back.

In solidarity with all oppressed peoples around the world! #StopAsianHate

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