

News Article:

Protests against Anti-Asian Hate Crimes in Greater Los Angeles Area

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Recently, due to an upsurge of anti-Asian hate crimes, there are several protests taking place in the Greater Los Angeles area and in other cities in Southern California. They have been organized by various civil group and joined by people with different political orientations.

One of the earliest one had the theme of “Stop Anti-Asian Violence! Stop China-Bashing!” It is sponsored by Answer Coalition Los Angeles (<https://www.facebook.com/answerla/?fref=tag>), an organization fighting for social justice and international peace, in close connection with the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles (<https://www.uula.org/>), which was a center of social movements working on liberal and progressive Issues, founded in in 1877 by Caroline Severance, Los Angeles’s famous suffragette and abolitionist, and founder of the Friday Morning Club, L.A.’s first women’s political club, of the LA public library, and California’s first kindergarten. Severance voted in the 1912 Presidential election at age 92 after fighting for the right to vote for more than 60 years. During COVID-19, the Church also distributed donated food to local needy residents every Saturday morning (8:00AM – 11:00AM), at its location at 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, at the cross-section of Vermont Street. The protest rally was a part of National Day of Action, on Saturday, March 27, 2021, starting at noon in front of Los Angeles City Hall at 200 North Spring Street, and ending at around 3:00PM at the Pueblo de Los Angeles historical site. The marchers denounced anti-Asian and Pacific Islander violence, the former President Donald Trump for instigating racism in the United States, and criticized the United States Government’s policy towards the People’s Republic of China. Approximately 1,000 people, including White, Latino, African and Asian Americans participated. Some students or new immigrants from China also joined the protest. The posters held by the protesters read “Stop Anti-Asian Attacks Now!” “Stop China-Bashing!” “Solidarity & Sympathy with Atlanta & Bolder!” “Black Lives Matter!” “Stop Demonizing China and Chinese People!” “Anti-China Histeria Made in Washington,” “Stop AAPI Hate!” “US Gov’t & Media Stop China Bashing!” and “Black Asian Unity,” and more noticeably, “Not Your Model Minority!” as shown in the photos. According to its official statement on its website at

https://www.answercoalition.org/stop_anti_asian_racism_now_end_white_supremacy_misogyny_and_militarism, “The ANSWER Coalition stands in solidarity with the Asian community in the midst of the horrific, racist and misogynist massacre that took place in Atlanta on March 16th. Six Asian women were among the eight shot to death at point blank range;” and it blamed “increasingly hostile U.S. foreign policy towards China” and “the opportunistic scapegoating of China during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic” for causing “the alarming rise in hate crimes over the past year” and “a widespread Sinophobic sentiment nationally.” This nation-wide protest event seems to be the most radical for challenging the United States Government’s

foreign policies. Therefore, the event seems to be under the influence of the Left of American political spectrum.

Other protests are more moderate ideologically and the agendas seem to be restricted to only the issue of hate crimes; and the organizers seem to be political middle-of-the-roaders, with participation of Chinese-American elected officers who are usually moderately conservatives.



Banners hung at the entrance to the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles declaring the fundamental tenets of the activist church.



Marchers holding protest posters.



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Marchers holding a large banner.



Young Asian girl holding a protest poster.



Speakers delivered speeches on the steps of Los Angeles City Hall.



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A White leftist marcher has a Communist symbol of hammer and sickle on his shirt and a Chinese flag covering his face as a mask.



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Other protests by Asian-Americans in Southern California have been reported by mainstream Chinese-language mass media. The most important ones include:

- The “Stop Asian Hate” protest rally on Saturday, May 1st, starting at 6:00PM, in the City of Montebello, attended by many elected officers including Yvonne Yiu, Mayor of Monterey Park, and several Council Members from the Cities of San Gabriel and Rosemead, as well as State Assemblymen and Assemblywomen. The number of participants is estimated to be under 100; and the speakers pointed out that compared to the same 1st quarter in 2020, reports of anti-Asian hate crimes increased 164%, and hate crimes spread even to the wealthy City of Walnut where Asian-Americans constitute 65% of population (page A11, Sunday, May 2, 2021, Sing Tao Daily).
- The “Stop Asian Hate” protest rally on Sunday, March 21, 2021, in the City of Diamond Bar, attended by more than 1,000 protesters from several ethnic and racial groups, including African, Chinese, Latino, Vietnamese, Filipino, Indian and White Americans (page B2, Monday, March 22, 2021, The World Journal).
- The civil lawsuit presented by Chinese-American Civil Rights Coalition (CACRC) against former President Donald Trump; the organization claimed that by using racially discriminatory terms such as “China virus,” “Wuhan virus,” and “Kung flu” instead of COVID-19, former President Trump is responsible for the upsurge of anti-Asian hate crimes; and the lawsuit demands that Trump pay one dollars to each Asian-American and Pacific Islander, for a total amount of \$22,900,000.

News Article No. 2:
Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Reported in Mainstream
Chinese-Language Newspapers

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Many anti-Asian hate crimes have been reported by the World Journal, a Chinese-language newspaper in Los Angeles. An Asian-American medical worker named Tiffany, on her way to work waiting for the Dridon Station of the subway in San Jose, was sexually attacked by Johan Strydom who approached her from the back, grabbing her hair and her neck, and cursing her with anti-Asian slangs (page B6, Sunday, March 14, 2021). A 28 years old White man named Roger Janke threw rocks on the car driven by a Korean-American woman with her 6 years old son, near the cross-section of Hughes Drive and Bastanchury Road, in the City of Fullerton, March 31, 2021 (page B1, Tuesday, April 6, 2021). Claudia Choi, a Korean-American woman, reported on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, that her mother received a letter asking her mother to get out of America because she did not belong here (page B1). According to a report by Stop AAPI Hate organization, during the COVID-19 pandemic, close to 1,800 cases of hate crimes against Asian-American took place (page A1, Sunday, March 28, 2021). A 19 years old Chinese-American young man named Christian Hall, aka Chen Zhibo, adopted from China by an American couple with an African-American step-father and a Filippina step-mother, suffering from mental disorders, walked on a the I-80 Highway near Hamilton Township in Monroe County; the policemen arrived at the scene after receiving a report and suspected that Christian Hall was pointing a gun at them, and shot him to death; after the incident, the policemen claimed that Christian Hall was pulling out a gun, when in reality, the video recordings showed that Christian Hall were raising his hands as a gesture of surrender; Benjamin Crump, the civil rights lawyer who served in George Floyd case is representing the family of Christian Hall to sue the Pennsylvania Police Department at the Federal Court, and his set up a website named Justice for Hall at <https://bit.ly/2MJtJ2u> (page A1, Sunday, February 7, 2021).

Sing Tao Daily, a Chinese-language newspaper with immigrants as Hong Kong as major group of readers, also reported several incidents of anti-Chinese racism. A 69 years old veteran named Lee Wong who served as President of the Board of Trustees of the West Chester Township, told his audience, on March 23, that since he immigrated from Malaysia at the age of 18, he had been attacked and injured due to his racial identity in Chicago and when he brought the case to the court, the suspect had never been prosecuted; he claimed himself as a moderate Republican; and that he served in the Army for 20 years; he was injured at Fort Jackson; he was suspected by neighbors for “not appearing as American sufficiently (page A3, Sunday, May 28, 2021).

Taiwan Times, another Chinese-language newspaper, also reported several cases of anti-Asian hate crimes. A Thai restaurant in San Diego suffered twice from misdemeanors of throwing eggs and wine bottles on customers eating outside; another Thai restaurant suffered from hate crime with shouting racist slurs (page B3, Friday, April 23, 2021). An Asian-American man named Alex in Torrance received a hateful and discriminatory letter, with racist slurs such as “Kong Flu,” “Die-Ch**k” and other insulting words (page B1, Monday, April 26, 2021). A 28 years old Japanese-American sportswoman named Sakura Kokumai selected for the Tokyo Olympics in

Orange County was cursed by a White man without any cause near Grijalva Park with racist slurs including the word “China” and “sushi” (B1, Saturday, April 10, 2021); and the same White man, with his image videotaped, beat up in the same place a Japanese couple, with an 80 years old husband and a 79 years old wife; the suspect admitted that he did it because of hate against Chinese, when interrogated by the police (B1, Tuesday, April 20, 2021).