



## **Press Release: Stop Asian Hate Rally and Vigil Downtown Bellevue on Mar 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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United Chinese Americans of Washington (UCAWA) is outraged by the ruthless and senseless killing of eight people - including six women of Asian descent - in Georgia on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

UCAWA strongly condemns the brazen shootings which, regardless of motives, targeted the Asian American women and terrorized the Asian American communities across the country. Countless Asian Americans and Asian-owned businesses have been subject to xenophobic discrimination and hate crimes. This heinous act reflects the rising public crisis and is an act of terrorism against all Asian Americans.

Seeing our communities victimized by tragic hate crimes, Asian Americans across the country take action.

On March 20, 2021, UCAWA, together with other AAPI organizations, will lead a community-wide rally and candlelight vigil at the Downtown Park in Bellevue.

The goal of this rally is to memorize the victims in the recent Atlanta shooting, and raise community awareness against racism and hate violence.

The gathering will start at 5:30PM PT. The official program will feature political, community leaders and students at 6:30PM. The community will hold a candlelight vigil to honor the victims in the Atlanta shooting this week and other victims of Asian hate crimes.

“With such a short notice to organize this event, we expect more than 500 people to join, which shows outrage of the Asian communities, suffering from discrimination and violence. We demand that the Federal Government, local law enforcement agencies and community leaders take immediate action to address the surge in anti-Asian crimes and ensure the safety of Asian Americans and businesses”, Winston Lee, president of UCAWA

The event is organized by UCAWA. Co-sponsors include the HUSTAA of Seattle, The Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Ethnic Chamber of Commerce Coalition, Seattle Chinese American Alliance, Korean American Chamber of Commerce in Washington State, American Jewish Committee, Amazon Chinese American Association, Washington Association of Chinese American Physicians, and Seattle Lang Group.

We’d like to invite all to join this peaceful gathering, regardless of race and ethnicity. We don’t just fight for Asian Americans, but against all racists.

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