



# STOP HATE

## **NVRDC's Statement on the March 16 Attack in Atlanta & Other Recent Attacks on the Asian-American Community.**

Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) is dedicated to helping survivors of crime access empowering services and resources to achieve survivor-defined justice. We strongly condemn the hate, bigotry, and violence that has led to recent attacks on the Asian-American community. We're devastated to hear about the tragic loss in Atlanta and the ways that white supremacy continues to harm our collective society.

The March 16 attack is not an isolated incident and cannot be separated from the larger historical framework of violence against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Beginning in the late 1800s with the initial mistreatment of Asian immigrants coming to the US to work on the Transcontinental Railroad and then further fortified by WWII and Japanese internment. Racism against Asian-Americans has recently taken the form of violent assaults and the use of racially-charged rhetoric by the Trump administration when discussing the COVID-19 pandemic. This bigotry being directed towards Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders has helped fuel these violent acts and are having a devastating effect on the victims, their families, and the larger community.

At NVRDC, we have dedicated staff that serve victims of homicide and/or hate crimes, who also are statistically likely to be members of underserved and marginalized communities. NVRDC will remain steadfastly committed in all its programs and priorities to being an organization that puts equity and allyship first and that continues advocates for the reformation of all systems that play a role in the perpetuation of any hate driven acts.

If you, or someone you love, have experienced hate violence in DC, please contact us at [\(202\) 742-1727](tel:(202)742-1727) or at [nvrdc.org](http://nvrdc.org).



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