

Dear CNM Community,

The recent mass shooting of the eight people including the six Asian women in Georgia is just the latest in an increase of violence and harassment of the Asian and Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, which is both saddening and alarming. In the past year, hate crimes against members of Asian and AAPI community rose by nearly 150%. The long-standing stereotypes of Asian and AAPI women have permitted their endangerment, particularly those working in vulnerable industries. As an Equity Council, we recognize the impact that these assaults have on our community and the responsibility we have to support the call to #StopAsianHate and to continue to educate ourselves and our colleagues and students about the legacy of racism. We grieve for the lives of Delaina Ashley Yaun, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Paul Andre Michels, Hyun Jung Grant Soon Chung Park, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue and wish for speedy recovery of Elcias R Hernandez-Ortiz.

Further, the Equity Council recognizes and appreciates the deeply-rooted Asian and Asian-American communities of New Mexico. Since the mid-1800s and in spite of persistent racism and inequity, Chinese and Japanese communities have flourished in New Mexico. More recently, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, and other AAPI communities have contributed to the diverse fabric of our State and the City of Albuquerque. We value the existence of each of these distinct cultures and the people that live within them.

As we support the Asian and AAPI CNM community, we also encourage the wider CNM community to [*be connected*](#) with our Asian and Asian-American and Pacific Islander community constituents. We can learn more about the Asian Diaspora, the many and long history of Asian communities within the United States, and the lasting effects of hate and xenophobia against Asian and AAPI communities. We believe equity is reflected when *all* people in Albuquerque are economically secure, healthy and thriving in engaged and honored communities.

If you are on campus and feel threatened, please call security at 505-224-3001. There are also other resources such as the [New Mexico Asian Family Center](#), that can provide services such as counseling by appointment. The Equity Council welcomes hearing the concerns and questions of our CNM community, and we will do our best to connect individuals in need with relevant information and resources.

"Whatever affects one directly affects us all indirectly."
— Martin Luther King Jr.

CNM Equity Council
<https://www.cnm.edu/about/equity-council>

Additional Resources:

- “Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning” is a collection of essays published in 2020 about the nuances of the Asian American experience
- “Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White” examines stereotypes, such as the perpetual foreigner and the model minority myth, and tackles issues including affirmative action, immigration and interracial marriage
- [Self Evident: Asian American’s Stories](#) is a podcast that aims to challenge assumptions about Asian Americans
- PBS’ [Asian Americans](#) is a five-part documentary series on the history of Asians in America.
- [#AsianAmCovidStories](#) is a YouTube documentary series exploring Asian Americans’ experiences and challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- [Ignoring the History of Anti-Asian Racism is Another Form of Violence](#)
- Race: The Power of Illusion, particularly the second episode “The Story We Tell”
- High Country News about the pro-segregation/anti-immigrant housing covenants in Albuquerque that include clauses that list both Black Americans and Asian/Asian-Americans from living on those residences—illegal and unenforceable now, but still in the deeds: <https://www.hcn.org/issues/53.4/south-race-racism-albuquerque-racist-history-haunts-housing-market>
- Article about hate crimes against Asian-Americans in Albuquerque during the pandemic that also references the PBS documentary that we’ve listed: <https://www.abqjournal.com/1453740/documentary-highlights-more-discrimination-against-asians.html>