



## **The API Council Responds to Atlanta Gun Violence Incident**

March 17, 2021 San Francisco, CA—Eight people lost their lives to gun violence last night in Atlanta. Among them, six were Asian women. The API Council wants to take a moment to acknowledge the deeply rooted pain that gun violence has left in our communities. Although what has happened has been determined as a hate crime, our community remains shaken and fearful due to the rise in AAPI hate crimes in the past year. Devastating moments like this remind us that we must stand together in solidarity against all hate, bigotry, xenophobia, and racism—no matter the motivation behind the crime. Our hearts go out to Atlanta and we hope that justice will be restored to the victims.

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