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C.A.C.A. Warns Protests by Black Nationalist Extremists Could Escalate Anti-Asian Hate in Coronavirus Pandemic

San Francisco, May 28, 2020 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) denounces the New Black Panther Party's call for boycotting Chinese business nation wide. It has accused the Government of China of racist policies and expressions toward black people living in China and wrongly associates Chinese people in the United States and their businesses. On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, members and supporters of the black nationalist group targeted Chinese restaurants and nail salons in Washington D.C., New York City, St. Louis, Virginia Beach, VA, and Milwaukee. Protesters reportedly used racist language and slurs, such as "slant-eyed devil" and "dog-eating," against Chinese Americans and ethnic Chinese.

Among the accusations made by the New Black Panther Party (NBPP) against the Chinese Government are human rights violations, exploiting the local retail market, refusing to hire Blacks and rude and disrespectful treatment. Although the demonstrations were not violent, police were called to the scene in Washington, D.C., New York City, and St. Louis. The protests coincided with the observance of the 95th birthday of slain human rights activist Malcolm X (born May 19, 1925).

Established in 1989, the NBPP is not affiliated with the original Black Panther Party, a revolutionary civil rights group founded in California in 1966. The Southern Poverty Law Center, a watchdog organization that monitors hate groups, identifies NBPP as "a virulently racist and antisemitic organization whose leaders have encouraged violence against whites, Jews and law enforcement officers."

C.A.C.A. must deplore that the NBPP is advancing a political agenda that wrongly profiles people of Asian descent who have no ties or connection with the policies of a foreign government.

"While C.A.C.A. respects the right of assembly in accord with the U.S. Constitution, we condemn the use of inflammatory language and coercive tactics that threaten public safety and increase racist and xenophobic persecution," says C.A.C.A. National President Melanie Chan.













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If you feel you are a victim of a racist and xenophobic attack, C.A.C.A. recommends immediately contacting your local law enforcement and any of the following hate crimes reporting websites:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – Civil Rights/Hate Crimes: www.fbi.gov/contact-us

National Center for Victims of Crime provides resources to victims of crime: victimsofcrime.org/

OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates Hate Incident Reporting Website: aapihatecrimes.org

Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center: www.a3pcon.org/stopaapihate

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Stand Against Hatred: www.standagainsthatred.org/

Anti Defamation League Hate Tracker: www.adl.org/reportincident

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Orange County (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Sacramento (CA), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.