The National Community Action Partnership Stands in Solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community and Denounces All Expressions of Hate and Violence

(Washington, DC, March 19, 2021)—The COVID-19 pandemic unleashed both the largest health crisis and some of the most pronounced expressions of racism and violence in recent history. This continues to trouble the Community Action Network, especially given the escalated anti-Asian racism and the trend of violence against Asian American and Pacific Island (AAPI) persons, especially AAPI women.

Furthermore, we condemn the acts of violence in Atlanta, Georgia that took the lives of eight people, including six Asian-American women. We are heartbroken for their families and mourn this tragic loss with them. We also express deep disapproval of how law enforcement is choosing to frame these horrific events. This “bad day” was felt most severely by the victims and their loved ones, they are the ones in need of our support in this hour.

Racial Equity is central to the work of Community Action Partnership, and in moments like these our national network is collectively “leaning in” to embrace and give voice to AAPI people everywhere. We see you. We hear you. We are with you. We also lift up the amazing work of National Asian American Pacific Women’s Forum, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta, Stop AAPI Hate Campaign, and countless other organizations who are mobilizing to support those who have been impacted by white supremacy, racism, misogyny and racialized violence.

Community Action Promise: Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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The National Community Action Partnership is the hub for the nation’s 1,000+ local Community Action Agencies that provide life changing services to individuals and families in 99% of America’s counties. The Partnership’s mission is to ensure the causes and conditions of poverty are effectively addressed and to strengthen, promote, represent and serve the Community Action Network.