

April 5, 2021

City of Santa Clara  
Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor  
Vice Mayor Raj Chahal  
Councilmember Kathy Watanabe  
Councilmember Karen Hardy  
Councilmember Antony Becker  
Councilmember Suds Jain  
Councilmember Kevin Park

Dear Mayor Gillmor and members of the Santa Clara City Council:

We commend Mayor Gillmor and Councilmember Watanabe for sponsoring a Stop AAPI Hate event on Wednesday March 31, 2021. We have viewed the news coverage from CBS Channel 5:  
<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/video/5449314-korean-american-santa-clara-council-member-says-he-was-denied-chance-to-speak-at-stop-asian-hate-rally/>

We are shocked and outraged that Councilmember Kathy Watanabe would not allow Kevin Park, the only Korean American member of the Santa Clara City Council, to speak at that rally. With the Korean American community in shock over the hate-motivated murders of six Asian American women in Georgia last month, the participation of Councilmember Kevin Park at the March 31<sup>st</sup> Stop AAPI Hate rally would have added an essential voice to the rally. Councilmember Watanabe's denial of her colleague's request to speak is a disturbing example of her lack of sensitivity to the Asian American community.

We call on Councilmember Kathy Watanabe to publicly apologize to Councilmember Kevin Park at the next Santa Clara City Council meeting.

We call on the Santa Clara City Council to pass a resolution censuring Councilmember Watanabe for her failure to allow Councilmember Kevin Park to speak at the March 31<sup>st</sup> Stop AAPI Hate rally.

Sincerely,

Richard Konda, Executive Director, Asian Law Alliance  
Michele Lew, CEO, The Health Trust  
Sarita Kohli, President & CEO, Asian Americans for Community Involvement  
Eunice Chun, Executive Director, Korean American Community Services  
Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President, SJ/Silicon Valley NAACP  
Victor Garza, Chairperson, La Raza Roundtable  
Gisela B. Bushey, CEO, Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen  
Maricela Gutiérrez, Executive Director, Services Immigrant Rights and Education Network  
Derecka Mehrens, Executive Director, Working Partnerships USA  
Wendy L. Ho, MPA, Trustee, San Jose Evergreen Community College District  
Aram James, Advocacy Chair, Coalition for Justice and Accountability  
Dolores Alvarado, Chief Executive Officer, Community Health Partnership  
Michael Chang, Ph.D., Founder Executive Director, Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute

Gabriela Chavez-Lopez, President, Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley  
Atkinson Tran, Vietnamese American Roundtable  
Minh Steven Dovan, Legal Counsel, Vietnamese American Community of Northern California  
Jennifer Murakami, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley  
Helen L Kassa, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, African American Community Services Agency  
Steve Eckert, CEO, Alum Rock Counseling Center  
MyLinh Pham, CEO, Asian American Center of Santa Clara County  
Elisa Koff-Ginsborg, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Contractors' Association (BHCA)  
Jahmal Williams, Co-Chair, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet  
Pete Settelmayer, Executive Director, City Year San José/Silicon Valley  
Jason Su, Executive Director, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy  
Christy Hayes, Executive Director, Horizon Services  
Rose Mukhr, Executive Director, Justice At Last  
Darcie Green, Executive Director, Latinas Contra Cancer  
Mayra Pelagio, Executive Director, Latinos United for a New America  
Salvador Bustamante, Treasurer, Latinos United for a New America  
Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez, Executive Director MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana  
Rovina Nimbalkar, Executive Director, NAMI Santa Clara County  
Gary Montrezza, CEO, Pathway Society, Inc.  
Heather Cleary, CEO, Peninsula Family Service  
Angelica Cortez, LEAD Filipino  
Lizz Finney, Social Justice Manager, Sacred Heart Community Service  
Poncho Guevara, Executive Director, Sacred Heart Community Service  
Wisa Uemura, Executive Director, San Jose Taiko  
Carlos Rosario, President, Santa Clara County Black Lawyers Association  
Yvonne Maxwell, Executive Director, Ujima Adult and Family Services  
Andre Chapman, Founder & CEO, Unity Care  
Eva Terrazas, Vice President Public Policy, Uplift Family Services  
Leif Erickson, Retired executive director, Youth Community Service  
Mary Cheryl B. Gloner, Former Resident and Property Owner in City of Santa Clara  
Hien Do for ALF's AAPI Caucus  
Sparky Harlan, Executive Director/CEO, Bill Wilson Center  
Lina Park, Executive Director, Korean American Community Foundation of San Francisco  
Yeri Shon, Chief of Program and Community Impact, Integration, Korean Community Center of the East Bay  
David K. Mineta, President/CEO, Momentum for Mental Health  
Jenny Do, Co-Executive Director, Friends of Hue Foundation  
Raj Jayadev, Coordinator Silicon Valley De-Bug  
Adriana Garcia Cabrera, Community Organizer, Maiz San Jose  
Susan Hayase, San Jose Nikkei Resisters  
Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, Trustee Fremont Union High School District (for identification purposes only)  
Quynh-Mai Nguyen, Social Artist & Community Organizer; Creative Director, Art Builds Community  
The Honorable Paul Fong, former member California State Assembly  
Peter Kuo, Small Business Owner in Santa Clara & Resident of D1 in Santa Clara  
Sarah Hollingsworth, Teacher, Campbell Resident  
T. Chester Wang  
Victoria Q. Smith  
PJ Hirabayashi

Rose Tseng  
Michael Kaku and La Donna Yumori-Kaku, Co-Presidents Sequoia JACL  
Hsing Kung  
Jennie Mahan  
Aditi Pasd  
Beverley Wong  
Herminio Hernando  
Papia Gambelin  
Deepka Lalwani, MBA  
Leslie Bulbuk  
Anthony Lê, Owner of PVTL  
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