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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK RELEASES ITS SECOND REPORT ON ANTI-ASIAN HATE AND VIOLENCE IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, May 26, 2022. The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is proud to announce the release of its second report on anti-Asian hate and violence in New York City, entitled *Endless Tide: The Continuing Struggle to Overcome Anti-Asian Hate in New York*. The report was produced by AABANY’s Anti-Asian Violence Task Force, which was formed after the release of AABANY’s first anti-Asian violence report in 2021. The Co-Executive Editors of the 2022 report are Sylvia Chin, Elaine Chiu, Karen King and Chris Kwok, all members of the Task Force. Sylvia Chin is also President of the Asian American Law Fund of New York (AALFNY), AABANY’s 501(c)(3) affiliate. Elaine Chiu is Co-Chair of AABANY’s Academic Committee. Karen King is Co-Chair of AABANY’s Pro Bono and Community Service Committee. Chris Kwok is an AABANY Board Director and Chair of the Issues Committee.

AABANY and AALFNY dedicate the *Endless Tide* report to the memory of Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American man murdered 40 years ago outside of Detroit by out-of-work autoworkers who blamed him for the loss of their jobs due to the popularity of Japanese imports.

An advance copy of the report is available upon request and will be furnished for review on a confidential basis, under an express agreement not to distribute or publish the report, in whole or in part, before May 31.

A press conference will be held at the offices of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison at 1285 Avenue of the Americas on May 31, 2022.

Joining AABANY at the press conference will be:

- Loretta Lynch, Partner at Paul, Weiss and former United States Attorney General
- Scott Richman, Regional Director, NY/NJ, for the ADL

We have invited elected officials to join us, including Senator John Liu and Council Member Sandra Ung.

Here is a private link that you can use to register your attendance:

https://www.aabany.org/events/event_details.asp?legacy=1&id=1643031#

The press conference will take place in person but a Zoom option is offered for those who are unable to join in person. Please specify your preference when you register. Please do NOT circulate the link.

Note that you will have to observe COVID-19 safety protocols and complete a vaccination attestation form to attend in person. For those attending remotely, we will send the Zoom codes before the start of the press conference.
*Endless Tide* recounts the surge in anti-Asian violence in New York at the start of 2021 and laments the absence of any sustained effort to reduce hate and violence against the AAPI community in New York. *Endless Tide* details statistical data compiled from news reports and publicly available sources which showed 233 anti-Asian attacks during the first three quarters of 2021. Of these reported attacks 7 resulted in a guilty plea to a hate crime. The report also discusses specific cases that AABANY worked on during 2021 which underscored the difficulty in seeking accountability and justice from incidents of anti-Asian violence. The report proposes several solutions, including:

(1) Improve Public Hate Crime Data Reporting  
(2) Recognize the Community as Victim and Investigative Partner  
(3) Develop Better Guidance for Hate Crime Investigations  
(4) Reform the Hate Crimes Law  
(5) Fully Fund the Study, Prevention, and Prosecution of Hate Crimes  
(6) Develop Anti-Bias Programming, Training in Cultural Sensitivity, and Trauma-Assisted Counseling  
(7) Remedy Barriers to Reporting of Hate Incidents  
(8) Improve Investigative Training and Tools Available to Government Agencies.  
(9) Revisit Bail Reform

“We are grateful for the efforts of the AABANY Anti-Asian Violence Task Force, AALFNY and the Co-Executive Editors of the *Endless Tide* report,” states AABANY President William Ng. “The report’s findings are troubling and raise a call to action to elected officials, law enforcement and the legal community to step up efforts to fight hate in all its forms. AABANY hopes that in recounting the experience of New York’s AAPI community in its continuing struggle against anti-Asian hate, we can come together to develop long-lasting and workable solutions to turn the tide against hate.”

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*The Asian American Bar Association of New York is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) professional membership organization of attorneys concerned with issues affecting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Incorporated in 1989, AABANY seeks not only to encourage the professional growth of its members but also to advocate for the AAPI community as a whole. AABANY is a New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).*

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