

# Chinese American Service League

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### Statement from CASL CEO Paul Luu

Just two weeks into 2023, a member of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) community was targeted and violently attacked because of her race, according to court documents. That's all it took for an 18-year-old Indiana University student to be targeted and violently attacked while on public transportation. We're grateful the victim survived, but the senseless, hate-fueled violence targeting the AA and NHPI communities must stop. As we've said in past statements, unfortunately, this won't be the last time we issue a statement following a violent, racist-fueled tragedy.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, hate targeting the AA and NHPI community has risen at a shocking rate to record numbers. In 2021, anti-Asian hate crimes increased by 339%, continuing a disturbing trend. While there have been national, regional, and local initiatives and policies enacted in attempts to stop hate-fueled crimes and incidents, hate continues to proliferate. Because of the frequency and prevalence of hate, AA and NHPI individuals do not feel safe in their own neighborhoods, communities, and country. It's up to all of us to continue to stand up to hate in any way we can. In this attack, the assailant was apprehended by the police, thanks to the brave actions of a bystander. Because of this bystander, this violent, hate-fueled individual is on the path to being held accountable for her despicable actions – but unfortunately not before irreparable damage was caused to an 18-year-old and the AA and NHPI community.

The Chinese American Service League (CASL) is staunchly committed to creating solutions to end hate. As part of our commitment, we're leading the Midwest [Anti-Hate Action Center](#), which is part of a partnership with The Asian American Foundation and other national organizations. Through our Anti-Hate Action Center, we are actively developing and implementing strategies to eradicate hate in all forms by providing educational resources to equip communities and individuals with the knowledge and toolsets to prevent and react appropriately to hate incidents and crimes, assisting with filing police reports, tracking hate incidents and crimes to target solutions, and providing a trauma-informed care approach to support victims. While these programs and strategies are working to address the disturbing rate of hate incidents and crimes, we must all continue to work together to stop hate.

CASL will continue in its tireless efforts within the AA and NHPI community and with our neighbors in Black and Brown communities to put an end to hate. Hate has no home in our country.