

Chinese American Service League 華人諮詢服務處

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Dear CASL community,

During an ordinarily celebratory time, I write to you with great sorrow. A dark shadow has been cast over Lunar New Year celebrations as we grieve for the victims of the Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay tragedies.

Instead of experiencing the usual joy and happiness with loved ones on Lunar New Year's Eve and Day, 18 lives were lost, ten people injured, countless more forever changed, and AANHPI communities everywhere are left to process their worst fears. Lunar New Year will now be a reminder of the day that these families in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay, California, lost a father, mother, uncle, aunt, brother, or sister and a gruesome reminder of the horrific nightmare for those who survived the mass shootings.

Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of those lost, and we stand in solidarity with our AANHPI communities in California and across the country. Together we are stronger, and together we will overcome.

While the attacks were thousands of miles away from CASL, the impact ripples through our community and all AANHPI communities. It's hard to predict what emotions will surface and how our neighbors, friends, and family will process such tragedies, but it's crucial that we be there for one another. We are here to support anyone struggling to process this tragedy, as no one should have to deal with the aftermath of these traumatic events alone. If you need assistance processing these events, please reach out to CASL's Behavioral Health Center at (312) 791-0418 or visit caslservice.org/behavioral-health.

Solemnly,

Paul Luu
CEO of the Chinese American Service League