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Statement on the Atlanta murders

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We are heartbroken and dismayed by the murders in Atlanta, and speak out in solidarity with the Asian-American community in condemning these acts of hatred. This is only the latest in a disturbing string of violence toward people of Asian descent.

When any of our neighbors are targeted, the very bedrock of our community is shaken. As a community we must work to acknowledge and address the systemic racism, misogyny and xenophobia that exists in America, and also to address the inequities that stem from that system.

We call on our allies across Oak Park, River Forest and the greater West Cook area to fight for unity and equality among all our citizens. Please join us to honor and remember the victims and work in solidarity against racist violence in all its forms.

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