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**CONSUL GENERAL BADAJOS VOICES SERIOUS CONCERN OVER
THE RISING INCIDENCE OF HATE CRIMES TARGETING
ASIAN-AMERICANS
AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN THE U.S. (Update 2)**

Los Angeles, 13 April 2021 – Consul General of the Philippines in Los Angeles, Hon. Edgar B. Badajos, who only recently assumed his post as the top Philippine government representative in the southwestern United States, has expressed serious concern over the rising incidence of hate crimes targeting Asian-Americans and Pacific Islander (AAPI).

“We decry this wave of violence and we stand in solidarity with AAPI, including the Filipino and Filipino-American community, in addressing this life-threatening concern. We have made representations with local government, requesting that priority action and attention be given acts of violence in whatever form or style against our communities,” the Consul General said.

The Consulate General has been closely coordinating with relevant local agencies and various Fil-Am Community organizations in monitoring and promoting greater awareness about the situation.

“We cannot remain resilient in the face of this wave of racially-motivated violence,” Consul General Badajos continued. “Communities of color have as much right to live in peace as anyone else in the United States, which prides itself in being a society where everyone can feel safe, accepted, and equal.” “We ask Filipinos and Filipino-Americans who have experienced or witnessed racially-motivated violent attacks on their person or property to report these to law enforcement authorities and other relevant agencies for immediate action,” he added. “We likewise encourage them to avail themselves of local resources being offered by various organizations and these may include cross-racial dialogues, community-building and other training interventions to help you cope with this pressing social concern,” Consul General Badajos continued. You may [click here](#) for more information on these resources from the Consulate General’s previous Advisory.

For the Hate Crimes Program being offered by the U.S. Justice Department, information is available via this link: <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes>.

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