

UNION SETTLEMENT

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STATEMENT ON ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER ATTACKS

Union Settlement is deeply saddened and outraged by the vicious ongoing and escalating attacks against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders. These attacks are heinous and indefensible.

The verbal and physical assaults are based in racism and ignorance – COVID-19 is a public health crisis, not a racial, ethnic or immigrant issue – and any assertions to the contrary are baseless and wrong. We call for the immediate end to the hate crimes and for those involved to be prosecuted to fullest extent of the law.

At Union Settlement we celebrate, embody and embrace the diverse community of East Harlem, which we have served for over 125 years. We strongly believe that the only way collective change will happen is when we raise our voice and call for others to join us as we work to create an inclusive and equitable society.

We stand in full support of and solidarity with the Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities.

David Nocenti
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