JOINT STATEMENT

Following Meeting of Leaders of the Asian American and Jewish Communities in Los Angeles January 15, 2019

A summit meeting entitled "Diverse in Heritage, United in Cause: A Summit for Leaders of the Jewish and Asian American Communities in Los Angeles" was held on January 15, 2019 on the UCLA campus. The day was hosted by ADL, AAAJ, LEAP, and KAC, and co-sponsored by a larger consortium of community-based groups. The group discussed issues of importance to Los Angeles Jewish and Asian American communities.

While the open and candid discussion included a wide range of ideas and points of views, there was general consensus that:

- 1. Community leaders must stand up consistently and dependably to denounce anti-Semitism, anti-Asian sentiment, xenophobia, and bigotry of all kinds as it occurs.
- 2. Vitriolic rhetoric in the political arena and media whether arising from anti-Jewish stereotypes or anti-immigrant sentiment can lead to threats of violence to community-based organizations and leaders; we stand together to face and prevent these threats.
- 3. Empowerment and fair representation for the Asian community in electoral politics, business and media is a shared goal.
- 4. We are committed to the betterment of the community as a whole through continued and open dialogue.

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