

# Asians for Black Lives

## Sign the 8 Point Resolution Supporting Black Racial Justice

Many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs/Asians/Asian Americans) support justice for the Black community and others who have been victimized by unjust treatment by law enforcement. **We the undersigned, including the Florin JACL-Sacramento Valley which initiated this effort, ask all concerned people and organizations to sign the Asians for Black Lives Resolution – Supporting Black Racial Justice.** This is one way of raising awareness, support, unity, and solidarity.

### The 8 Point Resolution Supporting Black Racial Justice recognizes:

- 1. The Historical and Systemic Racism and Implicit Bias Against the Black Community:** This occurs in law enforcement, just as in other spheres of American life. The widely disproportionate police shootings, arrests, searches, and traffic stops of Black peoples prove this.
- 2. The Fallacy of pitting “All Lives Matter” and “Blue Lives Matter” against “Black Lives Matter.”** “Black Lives Matter” sprung from the unjust discrimination in law enforcement and the institutional racism created by 300 years of slavery and 100 years of racist Jim Crow laws. “All Lives” and “Blue Lives” do matter, but they shouldn’t be used to ignore this reality. When Black Lives matter equally, all lives will matter.
- 3. The Need for Major Reform in Law Enforcement:** Accountability, transparency, independent community oversight, de-escalation of force, just police policies /practices, training/guidance, fair hiring and promotion, investment in the Black community, and other steps are vital now.
- 4. The Black Community Leadership:** Especially from the 1950s on, African Americans pioneered civil rights advances which have also greatly benefited Asian Americans and all Americans. They’ve stood in solidarity with other peoples throughout the decades.
- 5. The Historic and Systemic Racism Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders:** The government, including law enforcement, has also discriminated against Asians, other people of color, disabled people, LGBTQ communities, women, the poor, and the disenfranchised over the years.
- 6. The Exploitation of Asians as a “Model Minority” Wedge against Others.** Some people have used the myth of Asians as a “model minority” to keep Black peoples and other people of color down, stifle Asian advancement, and divide communities against each other.
- 7. The Opposition to any Unjust Involvement of Asian Americans.** Asians also need to take a clear stand against any unjust involvement of other AAPIs, including that of the Minneapolis Asian officer in the death of George Floyd.
- 8. The Importance of Speaking Up and Building Unity for Successful Black Racial Justice Reform.** Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, as well as all Americans, should actively speak up and build unity to advance our entire country. Only with millions of Americans standing up and working together can we make crucial reforms in law enforcement. Successful social justice efforts of the past like the Civil Rights Movement show this and point the way.

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## **Asians for Black Lives Resolution Signers (partial list as of 11/25/20):**

### **Organizations:**

1. **Asian American Studies Department (U.C. Davis)** – Dr. Richard S. Kim, Acting Director
2. **Asian American Studies Program (C.S.U. Sacramento)**
3. **Asian/Pacific Bar Assoc. of Sacramento Legal Foundation** – Yoshinori Himel, President
4. **APIs Rise Fund** – Mona Tawatao and Christine Tien, Co-Chairs
5. **Bakuhatsu Taiko Dan (Davis)** - Lisa Shigenaga and Kristen Tang, Co-Presidents
6. **Chinese American Council of Sacramento** – Alex Eng, President
7. **Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) – SV/CC** – Basim El Karra, Exec. Director
8. **Davis Cherry Blossom Festival**- Candace Nguyen (Chairperson), Ashley Shen, and Gregory Wada (Board Members)
9. **Florin JACL-Sacramento Valley** – Josh Kaizuka (Civil Rights Attorney), Andy Noguchi (Retired labor investigator), Co-Presidents
10. **Iu Mien Community Services** – Kao Nyuan Saepanh, President; Kao C. Thun, Director
11. **Jewish Voice for Peace (Sacramento Chapter)** – David Mandel, President
12. **Nikkei Student Union (UC Davis)** - Kelli Toyooka, President
13. **Physicians for Social Responsibility (Sacramento)** – Harry Wang, M.D., President
14. **Sacramento Area League of Associated Muslims (SALAM)** – Rashid Bin Quadir, Chair
15. **Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival** – Jason Jong

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- 6 Alex Eng Former Sacramento Planning Commissioner, County Adult and Aging Commission, grandfather of 5 of mixed race.
- 7 Lorna M. Fong
- 8 Amos Freeman Retired Administrative Law Judge
- 9 Ellen Tsukie Kai Griggs
- 10 Sue Hida Retired CalTrans Assistant State Bridge Engineer; daughter of WWII Tule Lake/Amache Internee.
- 11 Yoshinori Toso Himel Attorney
- 12 Maurine Huang, PhD Applied Anthropologist
- 13 Derek Imai U.C. Berkeley Student, Class of 2021

- 14 Dr. Satsuki Ina Co-Chair, Tsuru for Solidarity\*
- 15 Utako Kimura Former WWII incarcerated Arboga Assembly Center,  
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- 16 Jennifer Kubo Retired elementary school teacher
- 17 Dr. Karen Kurasaki Psychologist; Daughter of former WWII Heart Mountain  
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- 20 Paul Masuhara, III Civil Rights Attorney
- 21 Nick Matsumoto Agronomist
- 22 Kathy Menda Retiree
- 23 Walter Menda Retiree
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- 29 Jessica Okutsu Water quality scientist.
- 30 Heidi Sakazaki Florin JACL Member, former WWII incarcerated
- 31 Ruth Seo Retired middle school teacher.
- 32 Fumie Shimada Retired middle school teacher.
- 33 Ginny Yamamoto Syphax Black American wife with two blasian kids
- 34 Judy Tachibana Retired reporter
- 35 Ernie Takahashi Retired Optometrist; Born in WWII Manzanar Relocation Center.
- 36 Jenny Takahashi Retired school teacher
- 37 Barbara Takei Writer, Advocate for Tule Lake Concentration Camp
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- 44 Titus Toyama Past President, Florin JACL
- 45 Deanna Tsukamoto Retired school teacher
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- 47 Katie Uemura Retired nurse trainer
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