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To Our Pittsburgh Community:

OCA - Asian American Advocates of Pittsburgh is deeply saddened by the mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, and we mourn the senseless loss of life. We send our heartfelt condolences to the families of those affected, the worshippers of the 3 Tree of Life congregations, and to the Pittsburgh and greater Jewish community. We sincerely wish those injured including the brave law enforcement officers and first responders who worked quickly to secure the area, a full recovery. Sadly, this anti-semitic tragedy is part of the alarming increase in extremism and hate crimes against religious and ethnic minorities in our nation and the world. Officials have stated that this will be treated as a federal hate crime and will be investigated by the FBI.

OCA-Pittsburgh stands with the Jewish community during this terrible time. An attack on that community is an attack on us all. No person, regardless of their religious affiliation, should ever be afraid to openly practice their faith. We denounce anti-semitism in all of its forms and extend our condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims. We renew our pledge to combat the type of intolerance that led to this tragedy.

OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates sends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the victims of this heinous hate crime. Anti-Semitism is unacceptable and we stand allies in the Jewish American community during this difficult time. We cannot succumb to the hate of this cowardly act and must work toward a more tolerant, equitable, and just society - where our commonalities and backgrounds are celebrated. We stand ready to support our friends in any way possible - just as they have shown for us.

Sincerely,

The OCA-Pittsburgh Board of Directors

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