

Greetings Colleagues,

As you entered work today, you may have noticed our flags flying at half-staff. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we take this action in remembrance of those lives lost in the Monterey Park mass shooting and in solidarity with the proclamations from both President Biden and Governor Newsom.

To echo the Governor, *"Today and every day, let us show support and solidarity for our AAPI friends, family and neighbors and lift up the diversity and values that define our state."*

For some, the Lunar New Year represents a new beginning. On January 22, 2023, a gunman opened fire at a Lunar New Year celebration in Monterey Park leaving deaths and injuries in his path turning the new beginning into a tragedy. Glendale Community College (GCC) is opposed to violence and hate and wants to express our deepest condolences to the families and communities struggling through this tragedy.

Monterey Park, Alhambra, and the greater San Gabriel valley are Asian enclaves and home to students, faculty, and staff here at GCC. Since 2020, the rise in attacks on Asian-Americans has increased significantly. Therefore, support and care are needed now more than ever. As a community, we strive to support and ensure the safety and well-being of all of us and it is with that intent that we want to offer our resources and support at this time. Taking time to check-in with our Asian community and showing them support during this time is important.

As we seek healing, please support those impacted with compassion and understanding. Bringing more awareness and equity, access and inclusion for all people is vital to ensuring security and safety for all. We must work together to bring about this change and stand against discrimination or hatred of any kind. GCC in partnership with our DEIA committee is here to support our campus with these efforts.

Please see this list of resources to help those experiencing challenges after this most recent assault on our safety and human rights.

Well-Being Resources

- [Student Services](#) is available to link students to needed resources. Students are also encouraged to reach out to advisors if they face challenges.
- [The Health Center](#) page has mental health support services during this trying time. If you are needing or wanting a place to vent, process, ponder, or have support provided, please let your students know there is mental health services right here a phone call away. **818.551.5189**
- [GCC Pride Center](#) is open to all, but specifically is a wonderful support for our LGBTQIA+ students. Please take a look at their site for amazing resources and support.

Report a Hate Crime / Glendale Community College

Call EMERGENCY PHONE: (818) 409-5911 or dial ext. 4000 from a campus phone immediately. You do not need to be a citizen to report a crime and you will not be asked about your immigration status.

State of California

If individuals experience incidences of hate, violence, or discrimination they can and should report it to their local police department, and contact the Attorney General's office: VSU at (877) 433-9069 or VictimServices@doj.ca.gov

On Wednesday, January 25, a candlelight vigil will be held at Star Dance Studio in Monterey Park to honor the lives that were lost and condemn gun violence. See the @compassioninsgv Instagram for more detailed information.

