



ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE CONDEMNS PRESIDENT-ELECT'S CHOICE OF STEVE BANNON AS SENIOR ADVISOR AND DEMANDS BANNON BE REPLACED

Atlanta, GA, November 17, 2016 — As a national civil rights organization, Asian Americans Advancing Justice condemns the President-elect's choice of Steve Bannon as his chief strategist. His potential appointment gives tacit approval to Bannon's known agenda against racial minorities, women, immigrants, Muslims, and the LGBT communities.

In the days following the 2016 presidential election, our nation has witnessed an upward spike in hateful harassment, vandalism, and attacks against people and communities singled out by Bannon and Breitbart News, which he leads. In addition to many well-publicized attacks against Latinos, Muslims, women, and LGBT individuals, Asian Americans have been harassed and told to "go back" or "get out." There have also been reports of physical attacks on individuals and organizations and churches serving Asian Americans, including threats or vandalism. Only one week from the election, more than 400 reported hate attacks have occurred, with many other incidents likely unreported.

There is no place in the White House for anyone, let alone a senior advisor, who espouses xenophobic, racist, sexist, homophobic, and anti-Muslim sentiments. Since the election, the President-elect has stated the intention to strike a tone of unity, but a nation divided cannot unite when the President's chief advisor holds blatant and well-documented hostility towards so many Americans.

We demand that the President-elect immediately rescind the offer to Steve Bannon and we vow to stand up against attacks on all communities. Asian Americans Advancing Justice refuses to accept the normalization of hate from the highest reaches of our nation's leadership.

About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees ("Asian Americans") in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org.