Asian Americans Advancing Justice outraged at Verdict in Philando Castile Wrongful shooting

 Groups Stand with Communities of Color in Strengthening Movement to End Racial Profiling

Atlanta, GA, June 16, 2017 — Asian Americans Advancing Justice, an affiliation of five civil rights organizations, stands in outrage as our communities of color are reeling from a “not guilty” verdict in the shooting death of Philando Castile, an African American man from Minnesota who was shot and killed during an encounter with a police officer in 2016. He was one of several of black men killed by law enforcement officers between 2015-2016.

Advancing Justice released the following the statement in the aftermath of the Castile verdict last night:

“We are deeply saddened and outraged by the verdict in the Philando Castile trial. Every day our communities of color are under siege. We are seeing an alarming number of African American fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters dying at the hands of law enforcement in this country and we refuse to stand by silently.

We must put an end to racial bias and profiling in the criminal justice system. As communities of color, we often find ourselves on the wrong side of a system that continues to ignore racial bias, police misconduct, excessive use of police force, and inequitable sentencing within the criminal justice system.

As the nation’s leading legal and civil rights voice rooted in Asian American communities, we are fighting every day against a surge of xenophobia, anti-immigrant, and anti-Muslim policies and actions, but we must not forget that anti-blackness continues too. Black Lives Matter and we will continue to stand in solidarity to call an end to these senseless shootings and to hold law enforcement accountable for racial profiling and misconduct.”

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta is the first and only legal advocacy nonprofit dedicated to the civil rights of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in Georgia and the Southeast. We work in four major program areas: public policy; legal education and support; civic engagement; and defense of rights FOR Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and other underserved communities. You can read more about us at www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org

Asian Americans Advancing Justice is a national affiliation of five leading organizations advocating for the civil and human rights of Asian Americans and other underserved communities to promote a fair and equitable society for all. The affiliation’s members are: Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco), Advancing Justice - AAJC (Washington, D.C.), Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, Advancing Justice - Atlanta, and Advancing Justice - Chicago.

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.