Norcross, GA, July 18, 2017 — On Thursday, July 13, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta staff received a hateful threat in response to voter outreach efforts. In a text message, this individual used a combination of racial slurs, profanity, and violence. These kinds of messages are not new, but only reinforce the highly volatile political climate in which we currently live.

Advancing Justice - Atlanta staff has been reaching out to registered voters in response to Fulton County’s notices to voters that have recently moved. One individual responded to our text message with “ching chong ping pong” and “stop texting dragon lady,” among other profanity.

This message comes after a string of racist actions aimed towards Asian Americans, immigrants, and people of color. People from around the country have shared their experiences with racial and religious discrimination around the 2016 Election.

“Advancing Justice - Atlanta has been at the forefront of defending the rights of Asian Americans and immigrants in the South. We will not stand for this kind of hatred and bigotry aimed at communities of color,” said Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Advancing Justice - Atlanta.

In early 2017, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, as a national affiliation, released the Stand Against Hatred hate tracker to encourage our communities to report instances of hate they have experienced. Since its launch, the tracker has collected hundreds of instances of hate across the country.

We encourage our communities to continue to report instances of hate at https://www.standagainsthatred.org. Don’t let this kind of racism go unchecked. Be sure to speak out and hold people accountable for their actions.

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.