Conversation on Race Town Hall on Protecting and Supporting the AAPI Community

with Special Guest Congressman Ted Lieu

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### Contra Costa County Demographics

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<td>85.1%</td>
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<td>African American</td>
<td>7.4%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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<td>Latino</td>
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“As ex-President Trump and other US officials last year referred to the coronavirus as the "Chinese virus," the "Kung Flu," and other incendiary nicknames, a chorus of commentators warned that their rhetoric would lead to an increase in harassment and hateful speech.” - Kevin Shalvey, Insider Reporter

- A compilation of hate crime data, published by the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, revealed that **anti-Asian hate crime increased by 339% last year** compared to the year before, with New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities surpassing their record numbers in 2020.
- **Women reported nearly 65% of anti-Asian hate incidents** nationally between March 2020 and March 2021.
- **Physical assaults increased from 10.2% of the total hate incidents in 2020 to 16.7% in 2021.**
- Most of the **incidents took place at a business (32.2%) or on a public street or sidewalk (29.4%).**
Recently, Congress passed and President Biden signed into law the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act to address the rising rate of anti-Asian attacks.

- The bill designates an official at the US Justice Department to expedite reviews of violence and hate crimes related to Covid-19.
- It provides grants for state and local governments to improve their own reporting systems.
- It includes the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act, which will help increase hate crimes reporting and response. This bill was named for Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer who were both killed in hate crimes.

The House also passed a resolution condemning the shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and reaffirming the House of Representative’s commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community (H.Res. 275).
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