



# IATSE LOCAL891

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada • British Columbia and the Yukon

## **IATSE Local 891 Statement Condemning Anti-Asian Racism and Strengthening Our Commitment to Social Justice**

At IATSE Local 891, we condemn anti-Asian racism and violence occurring across B.C., Canada and globally. We send our condolences to the families and communities of Deliana Yaun, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Soon C. Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Yong A. Yue, and Paul Andre Michels killed on March 16, in Atlanta, Georgia, by [acts of anti-Asian violence and hate](#).

We know that present-day anti-Asian racism is pervasive and rooted in xenophobia, misogyny, legacies of White supremacy, and colonization. We also know that attacks against individuals from Asian communities often target vulnerable groups, including the elderly, marginalized women, people with disabilities, and migrant women, gender non-binary and 2SLGBTQ people in precarious work environments.

In our communities, we have witnessed the rise of scapegoating tactics used against people of Asian descent during the COVID-19 pandemic, from racial slurs, microaggressions, to physical violence, and in some cases, death. These acts of anti-Asian racism foster fear, mistrust, isolation and are detrimental to the physical and psychological well-being of members of Asian communities.

We must mobilize and act to prevent anti-Asian racism.

As a Local, we call on members to pause, reflect, remember, hold space, and offer support to our members, industry professionals, friends, family and neighbours from communities directly impacted by anti-Asian racism. To our IATSE 891 members, we are with you. Please reach out to access supports available through the Employee and Family Assistance Program at 1-800-667-0993.

Lastly, as advocates for workers' rights and social justice, we must move beyond words to action. We will be working with our members, industry colleagues, and the broader community to address intersectional forms of anti-Asian racism within our industry and in our society.

In Solidarity,

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