



Dear brothers, sisters & friends,

I am writing today to ask you and your members to consider endorsing May 10, 2021, as the “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism” - a nationwide movement that was initiated by a group of grassroots activists in Burnaby, BC.

Stand With Asians Coalition (SWAC) is a community of people in Canada who are concerned about the surge of anti-Asian racism in our cities. Vancouver has seen a staggering increase of over 700%, Burnaby - 350% increase, and Ottawa - 600% increase in 2020. A recent federally-funded study reported 1150 cases of racist attacks in Canada last year. Forty percent were reported in Ontario and forty-four percent were reported in B.C. Sixty percent of the cases were reported by women.

Stand With Asians Coalition brings allies together to raise awareness and to combat anti-Asian racism. We must condemn all forms of hate in public spaces as it creates unsafe conditions for members of the Asian, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and Racialized Communities.

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada. The City of Burnaby is the first city in Canada that has officially made a proclamation, declaring May 10, 2021 as the “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”. Many cities on the west coast, such as Vancouver, Surrey, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, New Westminister, Richmond, the District of Missions and on the east coast, Toronto and Ottawa, have either made similar proclamations or are in the process of considering.

SWAC is organizing a nationwide Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism E Rally on Zoom on May 10 at 5 PM PT/ 8 PM ET. Speakers include: Speakers include: Jenny Kwan, MP (Vancouver - Kingsway) and former MP Olivia Chow. Join us and sign up here.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.