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NFALA STATEMENT ON RECENT HATE CRIMES AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA) condemns the recent spate of hate crimes and political violence that occurred throughout the country last week. From Pittsburgh, PA to Jeffersontown, KY, we grieve with the families of the victims of anti-Semitic and racially motivated shootings. We denounce any form of political violence, and reiterate the importance of civil discourse and the rule of law as essential to American democracy. NFALA commends the efforts of law enforcement in keeping Americans safe and supports the prosecutors bringing the perpetrators to justice.

NFALA is the national voice for the Filipino-American legal profession. It advocates for justice, civil rights, and equal opportunity for the Filipino-American community. It cultivates high standards of integrity and professionalism among its members and strives for the advancement and success of Filipino-Americans within the profession. NFALA is a family, comprised of members throughout the United States, with the shared goal of increasing its national growth, impact, and visibility while also celebrating its members' cultural heritage.

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