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Mayor, governor and community leaders stand against racial violence

Officials join with community members to support Asian American and Pacific Islander communities

RENTON, WA – A group of elected officials and community leaders sent a message of solidarity to the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities today in response to a series of hate crimes around the county.

Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, along with every member of the Renton City Council, welcomed Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and other elected officials as they stood together in support of our Asian-American communities and against hate of any kind.

“Renton is a welcoming and inclusive city,” said Mayor Pavone. “Our primary goal is to protect and promote mutual respect and appreciation for all people within our community.”

Joining Mayor Pavone and Gov. Inslee were Toshiko Grace Hasegawa, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, State Representative My-Linh Thai, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Renton City Councilmember Kim-Khánh Vãn, Tanya Woo, community leader and Noriko Nasu, high school educator.

“A hate crime against any one of our communities is a crime against all of us,” said Mayor Pavone. “Individuals who commit these crimes must be held accountable.”

The City of Renton has [posted the press conference on their YouTube channel](#).

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 105,500 (2020), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies that wish to provide employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information is on our [website](#), in [news releases](#), or on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#).

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