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Dear ELAC Family,

In recent months we have seen an increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans not only in California but across the United States. ELAC condemns in the strongest possible terms the use of hateful rhetoric and violence against people of Asian descent, and the xenophobic and racist thinking which underlies those horrific attacks in the state of Georgia during this recent week.

Unfortunately, anti-Asian sentiment is not new. Asian Americans have experienced a long history of bias, discrimination, and hate—whether it be the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the internment camps during World War II, or present-day racial violence towards members of the Asian community.

It is moments like this that we as a community should enhance our compassion for others who are being targeted and attacked. Now more than ever, we must stand up and use our voices to condemn and call out racism of any form. As you know, Social Justice is a pillar of ELAC, so I have no doubt that our college community will speak up and remain vigilant towards all injustices. To our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) staff and students within our ELAC community, we offer our sincerest condolences and our commitment to stand alongside you.

Let us remember that there is no solidarity without a foundation of community support. There is no justice without care. I invite you to check in on our AAPI community and open your hearts to help heal the hurt. With unwavering commitment, I will continue to create a culture and climate where all staff and students at ELAC feel safe and honored.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alberto J. Roman".

Dr. Alberto J. Roman
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