



ACT Against Hate Alliance

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Act Against Hate Alliance Launched Today at State Capitol

Bi-Partisan Effort Draws Wide Range of Community Support

SACRAMENTO, CA: California government and community leaders assembled today at the State Capitol for the inaugural ceremony launching the **ACT Against Hate Alliance**. This non-profit organization was founded by Senator Bob Huff and his wife, Mei Mei Ho Huff, in response to the rise in hate crimes reported in California, nationwide, and globally.

“Hate crimes are truly now at epidemic levels threatening communities throughout the state,” said Mei Mei Huff, Executive Director of the new initiative. “The Act Against Hate Alliance will bring the best thought leaders and resources together and we will not stop until we find solutions that eradicate hate crime.”

California State Treasurer Fiona Ma spoke at the ceremony about the fear that many elderly Asians feel. Statistics compiled by the FBI show that Asian-Americans have been targeted for a growing number of hate crimes throughout California.

“It is affecting everyone across the state, with Attorney General Rob Bonta’s office reporting hate crime up at least 33-percent from last year,” said Treasurer Ma. “This state represents the fifth largest economy in the world. We are great because of our diversity, because we respect each other, and value where each and every one of us comes from.”

Senate President pro-Tem Toni Atkins emphasized the need for action to combat the rise of hate, in commending the vision of the Act Against Hate Alliance.

“Organizations like Act Against Hate Alliance are essential partners in the work that we have to do to seek solutions to pervasive hate that has found its way into our public discourse,” said President Atkins. “Now is the time for us to stand up to violence and identify ways to end the despicable wave of racism in every way we can. Although we come from different backgrounds, we are united in our commitment to making our state and our world a better place.”

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