

## **ALLIANCE OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN SPORTS**

### **STATEMENT**

The Alliance of Social Workers in Sports stands in solidarity with the Asian, Asian-American, Pacific Islander, and Desi community and adamantly protest the recent violence and horrific attacks against them, their businesses, and their human dignity in the United States and abroad. We stand in solidarity with Asian and Asian-American, Pacific Islander, and Desi athletes. Our guiding principles include the dignity and worth of all individuals including athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, sport managers, administrators, other support staff, and their families. Our purpose and commitment are to support the population of any race, color, ethnicity, nationality, national origin, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

The ASWIS Executive Team and our members are honored to provide any help and service to Asian, Asian-American, Pacific Islander, and Desi athletes and support staff. As sport social workers, we advocate for fairness, social justice, ethical and humane treatment, and unity for all human beings.

#### **Five-Step Call to Action:**

1. Donate to advocacy powerhouse Asian Americans Advancing Justice: <https://www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org/>
2. Support and advocate for impactful policy addressing hate and racism: H.Res. 151: Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19.
3. Read more here: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/hres151>
4. Keep Reading! Attached is a piece by Kevin Nadel, professor at CUNY: "*A Guide to Responding to Microaggressions*".
5. Follow the daily newsletter Anti-Racism Daily: <https://www.antiracismdaily.com/>
6. Keep talking! Join an ASWIS committee to bring your voice to this issue and others in our sport social work arena. We need you.

Sincerely,

ASWIS Executive Committee