A Letter of Support to Our Friends in the Chinese American and Chinese Communities

February 21, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are writing to express our heartfelt solidarity with you during these tense and troubling times.

We are concerned about rising xenophobia aimed at Chinese people in this country and abroad over the COVID-19 “coronavirus”. We know that in such times, concern can quickly turn into hysteria, which can lead to scapegoating. We pledge to help ensure that Chinese people feel safe and supported, and to combat attacks and stereotyping on social media. We know from history, ours and yours, that such fearmongering can be devastating.

We are also aware that many Chinese-owned businesses have been affected by misinformed concerns about the COVID-19 virus. Please be assured that we will strongly encourage our own community not to give in to such fears. According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, the danger for Americans is “just miniscule” and there is no need to avoid Chinese people or businesses. Indeed, several Jewish communities have sent delegations to local Chinatowns to show their unwavering support.

The Chinese and Jewish communities share much in common, including a commitment to the highest ideals and welcoming spirit of America. We in the Jewish community are more committed than ever to upholding these ideals and ensuring they are extended to you, our friends and neighbors.

Lastly, we know many of you are concerned about the health of relatives and friends in China. We offer our thoughts and prayers.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time.

Very sincerely,

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JCPA Chair

David Bernstein
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National Agencies

A Wider Bridge
American Jewish Committee
Anti-Defamation League
B’nai B’rith International
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Jewish Labor Committee
Jewish Women International
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Rabbinical Assembly
Rabbinical Council of America
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
Women’s League for Conservative Judaism

**Jewish Community Relations Councils and Jewish Federations**

- Baltimore Jewish Council
- Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council
- Buffalo Jewish Federation
- Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation
- Chicago Jewish Community Relations Council
- Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation of Somerset Hunterdon and Warren Counties
- Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley
- Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley
- Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
- Community Relations Council, United Jewish Federation of Tidewater
- Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council
- JCRC of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties
- Jewish Community Federation of Canton
- Jewish Community Federation of Richmond
- Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley
- Jewish Community Relations Bureau|AJC (Kansas City)
- Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Columbus
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Charleston/Charleston Jewish Federation
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Northern NJ
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
- Jewish Community Relations Council of New York
- Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, NJ
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation
- Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Community Board of Akron
- Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
- Jewish Federation & Family Services of Orange County, CA
- Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee
- Jewish Federation of Broward County
- Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts
- Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
- Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne
- Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor
- Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta
- Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton
- Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines
- Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg
- Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
- Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, NY
Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
Jewish Federation of Palm Springs and Desert Area
Jewish Federation of Raleigh-Cary
Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks
Jewish Federation of Rockford
Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee
Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL and Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Federations of New Jersey
JEWISHColorado
JewishColumbus
Memphis Jewish Federation
Ohio Jewish Communities
Portland Jewish Community Relations Council
Savannah Jewish Federation
St. Paul Jewish Federation
Tampa JCC & Federation
United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula
Westchester Jewish Council
Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

Other Organizations
Congregation Sha’ar Zahav (of San Francisco)