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Red Canary Song

RED CANARY SONG RESPONSE TO SHOOTINGS AT GOLD MASSAGE SPA, YOUNG'S ASIAN MASSAGE, & AROMA THERAPY SPA

Radical Healing from State and Community Violence
Mourning with Asian Massage Workers in the Americas

关注按摩院员工生命和工作安全！
亚裔按摩院来自社区回馈社区！
亚裔按摩院合法工作权利必须保护！
亚裔按摩员工的命不能白白葬送！
按摩院工作合法专业应得全美社会尊重和保护！

In the wake of the deaths of multiple Asian women massage workers in Georgia, we are sending radical love, care, and healing to all of our community members. We acknowledge the ongoing pain and grief from continued violent assaults on our Asian and Asian American, APIA community, which has been compounded by the alienation, isolation, and violence brought on by racist rhetoric and governmental neglect in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are concerned that many of those calling for action in this moment have and will continue to endorse violence towards Asian sex workers, massage workers, and survivors.

We reject the call for increased policing in response to this tragedy. The impulse to call for increased policing is even greater in the midst of rising anti-Asian violence calling for carceral punishment. We understand the pain that motivates our Asian and Asian-American community members' call for increased policing, but we nevertheless stand against it. Policing has never been an effective response to violence because the police are agents of white supremacy. Policing has never kept sex workers or massage workers or immigrants safe. The criminalization and demonization of sex work has hurt and killed countless people--many at the hands of the police both directly and indirectly. Due to sexist racialized perceptions of Asian women, especially those engaged in vulnerable, low-wage work, Asian massage workers are harmed by the criminalization of sex work, regardless of whether they engage in it themselves.

Decriminalization of sex work is the only way that sex workers, massage workers, sex trafficking survivors, and anyone criminalized for their survival and/or livelihood will ever be safe.

Media coverage that examines the racist or sexist motivations of the killings as independent of each other fail to grasp the deeply connected histories of racialized violence and paternalistic rescue complexes that inform the violence experienced by Asian massage workers. We see the effort to invisibilize these women's gender, labor, class, and immigration status as a refusal to reckon with the legacy of United States imperialism, and as a desire to collapse the identities of migrant Asian women, sex workers, massage workers, and trafficking survivors. The women who were killed faced specific racialized gendered violence for being Asian women and massage workers. Whether or not they were actually sex workers or self-identified under that label, we know that as massage workers, they were subjected to sexualized violence stemming from the hatred of sex workers, Asian women, working class people, and immigrants.

We are asking that the community stand in solidarity with us and all immigrant and migrant massage workers and sex workers. We highlight the following demands from NY-based massage parlor workers:

1. Pay attention to the life and work safety of massage and salon employees!
2. Asian massage workers and businesses come from the community and give back to the community!
3. The legal working rights of Asian massage workers must be protected!
4. The lives of Asian massage workers must not be lost in vain!
5. The legal profession of massage work should be respected and protected by US society!

Signed,
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We, the undersigned, join Red Canary Song

If your organization would like to sign on to this statement, you can add your signature [here](#).

1. Woodhull Freedom Foundation
2. SWOP Bronx
3. Make the Road NY
4. Community EsTr(EI/La)
5. Black and Pink Massachusetts

6. Survived & Punished NY
7. Jornadas Trans Latino America/Europa
8. RespeTrans
9. Black Trans Nation LLC
10. Black Trans Nation NY Inc
11. DECRIMTNNOW
12. TransEmedia
13. TransRefugeeInitiative
14. SWOP Brooklyn
15. Bluestockings
16. Kink Out
17. Queer Healers
18. Sex Workers Project of the Urban Justice Center
19. The Human Rights Project of the Urban Justice Center
20. Support Ho(s)e
21. National Harm Reduction Coalition
22. Hacking//Hustling
23. Decoding Stigma
24. Decrim NY
25. Lysistrata Mutual Care Collective & Fund
26. Asian American Feminist Collective
27. Pacific Rim Solidarity Network (PARISOL) Seattle
28. Bend the Arc Jewish Action
29. Positive Women's Network - USA
30. Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform
31. Stella, l'amie de Maimie (Montréal, Canada)
32. Rocky Mountain Sex Worker Coalition
33. Southeast Asian Freedom Network
34. Somos Familia Valle
35. SWOP Behind Bars
36. Alliance to Mobilize our Resistance
37. Ocean State Ass Fund
38. The New York City Anti-Violence Project
39. COYOTE RI
40. SWOP New England
41. BAYSWAN
42. Chinatown Community for Equitable Development (Los Angeles)
43. Coalition for Rights & Safety for People in the Sex Trade
44. Chicago House and Social Service Agency
45. Advocating Opportunity

46. Chinatown Art Brigade
47. BIPOC Adult Industry Collective
48. AAPI Women Lead
49. Sông2Sea (Seattle)
50. Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach
51. Legal Voice (Seattle)
52. Center for Sex & Culture (San Francisco)
53. Sacred Wounds Productions (LA)
54. Solutions NOT Punishment Collaborative, Inc.
55. Changing Frequencies
56. Yellow Jackets Collective
57. Nodutdol for Korean Community Development
58. Whose Corner Is It Anyway
59. Urban Survivors Union
60. DecrimMA
61. PONY (Prostitutes of New York)
62. GAPIMNY — Empowering Queer & Trans Asian Pacific Islanders
63. KQTxNYC
64. Q-Wave - Building Queer & Trans API Community Since 2004
65. NAPAWF*NYC
66. Asians 4 Abolition
67. Center for Constitutional Rights
68. SWOP Atlanta
69. BAWs (Bay Area Workers Support - Oakland)
70. Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association
71. Lausan 流傘 Collective0
Midnight Blue (Hong Kong)
72. St James Infirmary (San Francisco)
73. Diversity Alliance of the Puget Sound (Washington State)
74. Jewish Voice for Peace - Atlanta
75. Empower Foundation Thailand
76. Reframe Health and Justice
77. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.
78. Showing Up For Racial Justice, National
79. Migrant Sex Workers Project
80. The Well Project
81. We Are Dancers USA
82. SWOP-Chicago
83. MASWAN (Massachusetts Sex Worker Ally Network)
84. Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights

85. CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities
86. 18 Million Rising
87. Scarlet ChaCha (South Korea)
88. Decrim PA
89. Survivor Siblings
90. National Center for Lesbian Rights
91. Whorevolution
92. Hookers Army
93. Rutgers LGBTQ Legal Clinic
94. Asian Leather and Kink Alliance (ALKA)
95. Black & Pink National
96. Community Resource Hub for Safety & Accountability
97. CHANGE (Center for Health and Gender Equity)
98. Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE)
99. Brooklyn Community Bail Fund
100. ANSWER Detroit
101. Detroit Will Breathe
102. Black Hustlers Mutual Aid
103. Red de Resistencia y Disidencia Sexual y de Género
104. The WeChat Project/ 心声
105. Sero Project
106. Kindred Southern Healing Justice Collective
107. SWARM (Sex Workers Advocacy and Resistance Movement) UK
108. Decrim Now UK
109. Collective Action for Safe Spaces
110. Equality Federation
111. Movement for Family Power
112. NAPAWF - Georgia Chapter
113. South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
114. Third Wave Fund
115. Sex Worker Giving Circle
116. Feminist Bird Club
117. Add the Words, Idaho
118. Policing and Social Justice Project
119. Columbia Queer and Asian
120. Moms United Against Violence & Incarceration
121. DRUM - Desis Rising Up & Moving
122. MADRE
123. Red Umbrella Sweden
124. Duke OutLaw
125. Showing up for Racial Justice - Toronto
126. TAPAS
127. Catalyst Project

128. Peace Action New York State
129. Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
130. Manhattan Young Democrats
131. Sex Workers of Winnipeg Action Coalition
132. UnLocal
133. Wellesley Chinese Students Association
134. Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research
135. The Legal Aid Society's Exploitation Intervention Project
136. Detroit Disability Power
137. Justice2Jobs Sacramento
138. South Asian Public Health Association
139. ForFortyTwo
140. GLAAD
141. Montclair Beyond Policing
142. National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
143. The Center for Sexual Pleasure and Health
144. Sex Professionals of Canada (SPOC)
145. API Chaya
146. FTP Movement
147. Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC)
148. Japanese American Citizens League
149. Right to the City Alliance
150. ACLU of Southern California
151. Takeover Network
152. OPAWL- Building AAPI Feminist Leadership in Ohio
153. Resource Generation
154. The Leap
155. Apogee Journal
156. Asian/Pacific/American Institute at New York University
157. SWOP-USA
158. I-ACCESS
159. Transgender Law Center
160. brASS: Brown RadicalAss Burlesque
161. Santa Fe Dreamers Project
162. Justice League of Queers
163. Jewish Voice for Peace - New York City
164. E.A.R.T.H. Lab
165. Citizen Action New York
166. Los Angeles Spoonie Collective
167. Center For Anti -Violence Education
168. US PROStitutes Collective
169. New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU)
170. Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala
171. Coalition Against Trans Antagonism

172. Haymarket Pole Collective Portland Oregon
173. Viet Collective for Community Justice
174. National Lawyers Guild (NLG)
175. Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
176. The Sóng Collective
177. Patanjali de la Rocha/Birth Beyond Bars
178. South Asian Queer + Trans Collective
179. Friends of Chinatown Toronto
180. Asian American Progressive Student Union
181. Urban Librarians Unite
182. Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations
183. Center for Disability Rights
184. Desiree Alliance
185. Brandworkers
186. Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement
187. Mama Africa Black Power Feminist Organization
188. Justice Committee
189. R.A.C.E. for Restorative Justice
190. APIENC
191. Florida Harm Reduction Collective
192. Disability Education Empowerment and Pride
193. California Coalition for Women Prisoners
194. LA Polyamory
195. Covid Bail Out NYC
196. Can't Stop! Won't Stop! Consulting
197. Just Futures Law
198. WPN Power
199. SURJ SWFL (Showing Up for Racial Justice of Southwest Florida)
200. We Are The Radicals - St. John's University
201. Asian American Organizing Project (AAOP)
202. Fireweed Collective
203. Audre Lorde Project
204. Asians4BlackBirths
205. NEO Philanthropy
206. American Jewish World Service
207. Wisconsin Bail Out The People Movement
208. Scientists for Sex Worker Rights
209. South Asian Queer + Trans Collective
210. TIGERRS: Transgender, Intersex, Gender-Expansive Revolutionary Resources & Services
211. Asian Leather and Kink Alliance (ALKA)
212. Northern New Mexico SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice)
213. Partnership for Community Action
214. No Justice No Pride

215. Sista Fire RI
216. ACLU of Northern California
217. POC SWOP
218. Green Light Project
219. Southside Action Pact
220. Bailey's Cafe
221. NYC-DSA Racial Justice Working Group
222. Chicago AfroSOC
223. DC Maryland Virginia (DMV) Disability & Sr Community Group
224. Survived and Punished
225. Survived and Punished California,
226. Korean American Coalition to End Domestic Abuse
227. The Decarceration Collective
228. Neighbors Against White Supremacy (NAWS) Central Queens
229. Red Bloom Communist Collective
230. Sex Worker Project at Judson Church NYC
231. National Immigration Litigation Alliance
232. KQTx National
233. Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)
234. Immigrant Justice Network
235. Never Again Action
236. Slant'd
237. Envisioning Safety On Our Campuses DC/MD
238. White People 4 Black Lives
239. Grass x Grass
240. Inner Hoe Uprising Podcast
241. Communities United for Police Reform (CPR)
242. IWW IU690 Organizing Committee NYC
243. Central Colorado Showing Up For Racial Justice (CCSURJ)
244. Community Equity Coalition
245. Girls Justice League
246. Dartmouth Student Union
247. SWOP LA
248. Assembly Four
249. Cornerstone Doula Trainings
250. Northwest Side Coalition Against Racism & Hate
251. Causa Justa :: Just Cause
252. Sunnyside & Woodside Mutual Aid
253. Encian Pastel
254. The Lunar Times
255. Michigan Solidarity Bail Fund
256. Emergent Fund
257. Anakbayan Long Beach
258. A Network of Sex Workers to Excite Revolution - Detroit

259. SURJ Sacramento
260. LGBTQ Allyship (Seattle)
261. SWEAR WA (Australia)
262. Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
263. North Star Fund
264. Mekong NYC
265. Funders for LGBTQ Issues
266. Indivisible Acton Area
267. Scientists For Sex Worker Rights
268. The Safety Net Project - Urban Justice Center
269. SAVE
270. Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice
271. Beloved Community Incubator
272. Graduate Employees Organization (GEO)
273. Champaign County Bailout Coalition (CCBC)
274. Asians 4 Black Lives
275. Shadow Traffic
276. Release MN8
277. I Am Human Foundation
278. Funders for LGBTQ Issues
279. La Resistencia NW
280. Jewish Voice for Peace New Haven
281. Women's Foundation of Florida
282. Emergency Release Fund
283. AIDS United
284. Reclaim UGLY
285. Prevention Access Campaign
286. CIRCA Pintig
287. Queer|Art
288. South Warren Alliance of Radical Movement
289. Prison Abolition Prisoner Support (PAPS)
290. Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
291. Durham Beyond Policing
292. Jews for Palestinian Right of Return
293. Labor Against Racist Terror
294. STEPS to End Family Violence
295. Labor for Palestine
296. Desi Rainbow Parents & Allies
297. CODEPINK
298. Feminist Foreign Policy Project
299. Abolitionist Youth
300. No Detention Centers in Michigan
301. Black Trans and Queer Collective - LA
302. Asian Youth for Civic Engagement

303. Freedom Network USA
304. National Employment Law Project
305. United Kingdom Democratic Socialists of America (UK DSA)
306. Laotian American National Alliance
307. Nikkei Uprising
308. International Contemporary Ensemble
309. East Coast Asian American Student Union
310. Tea Base
311. NONYU Coalition
312. SWOP Minneapolis
313. Oasis Legal Services
314. Showing Up For Racial Justice Lower Columbia / SWWA
315. Red Umbrella Fund
316. Margo St. James Memorial Tribute Collective
317. English Collective of Prostitutes
318. Respect Inc, Queensland, Australia
319. Occupy Bergen County (New Jersey)
320. Hurriyyah Collective
321. Harm Reduction Treatment Training and Technical Solution (HaRT3S)
322. Harm Reduction Research and Treatment (HaRRT) Center
323. SWOP Sacramento