



Office of the
President

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Dear Colleagues,

We are all still mentally processing the horrific incident that occurred over the weekend in Monterey Park. Cerritos College offers its deepest condolences and supports everyone impacted by this tragedy. While the Lunar New Year is supposed to be one of the most joyous celebrations for the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American community, we find ourselves facing another tragedy. This senseless act of violence shattered a day of happiness, but as we grieve, we grow closer together in love and solidarity. As a campus, we will work closely with our APIDA community to ensure that we maintain an environment for healing and safety during this time.

I know this incident may have caused you to feel anxiety, anger, or fear, so I want to make you aware of confidential support resources available on campus for staff and students:

Staff

Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers professional counselors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please follow the link for additional information about EAP services: Employee Assistance Program. For detailed information, please contact the Office of Human Resource Services at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2284

Students

Students can access support through our Student Health Services. Mental Health Teletherapy appointments are available. Students can schedule an appointment via phone at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2321 (Press option 3) or online. After business hours, licensed crisis counselors answer calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Student Health Crisis Hotline at (562) 653-7821.

If students need additional support, including but not limited to academic accommodations, referrals, and resources, they can contact Erin Miles, Acting Director, Diversity, Compliance, and Title IX Coordinator at titleixcoordinator@cerritos.edu.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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