



December 19, 2017

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor:

On behalf of the New York Chapter of OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates (OCA-NY), a national Asian Pacific American (APA) civil rights organization, we are deeply disturbed to learn that there was racist graffiti found at the Murray Hill Long Island Rail Road train station located at the Flushing section of Queens. Attached please find photographs of the comments written on the train station sign and billboard.

We urge your office to investigate this incident as a possible hate crime since the comments specifically target the Asian race and Chinese ethnicity. We hope those responsible will be brought to justice.

OCA-NY has a history of speaking up against hate. In the past 11 years, we have organized the Hate Crimes Prevention Art Project in New York City every summer. We believe in advocating for the values of equal liberty and justice for all. Please help us to preserve the public peace.

We will continue to monitor incidents involving hate crimes/speech of any kind. We look forward to working with you, Mayor de Blasio, Police Commissioner O’Neil, and all elected officials and community leaders to unite the community to foster peace and harmony against hate.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor, City of New York  
The Honorable Letitia James, Public Advocate  
The Honorable James P. O’Neill, Commissioner, Police Department, City of New York  
The Honorable Toby Ann Stavisky, New York State Senator, 16th Senate District  
The Honorable Ron Kim, New York State Assembly, 40th Assembly District  
The Honorable Paul Vallone, City Council District #19  
The Honorable Peter Koo, City Council District #20



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