



**OCA CONDEMNS HARMFUL STEREOTYPING AND MISLEADING INFORMATION REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

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Westchester, NY – OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates - Westchester & Hudson Valley Chapter released the following statement today in response to racist and xenophobic remarks made over the past days by various parties.

In particular, OCA condemns the anti-Asian and anti-Chinese sentiments in COVID-19 public information talks recently given by Dr. Harish Moorjani. Dr. Moorjani’s false narrative about Chinese culture will lead to harmful stereotyping and his reckless comments about Asian communities will result in unwarranted discrimination towards Asian American groups. OCA demands an apology and retraction of Dr. Moorjani’s remarks.

During this public health crisis, we need factual information and clear guidance to keep people and their families healthy and safe, not racially prejudiced statements that could divide communities.

Scapegoating and complacency are never the answer in the time of a pandemic.

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