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To whom this may concern,

Enclosed, please find the Liberal Party of Canada's formal response to your questionnaire.

On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

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1. The root causes of anti-Asian racism.
2. The most effective strategies to combat systemic anti-Asian racism.
3. Combating online hate against Asian Canadians.
4. Addressing the pandemic's differential impacts on Asian Canadian communities, especially frontline workers, women, low-income, and those with precarious immigration status and employment, and do not speak English/French.
5. Methods to ensure accountability, monitoring, and reporting for the progress and commitments made by the federal government to combat anti-Asian racism.
6. Ensuring collaboration and dialogues between Asian Canadian communities and the government in addressing anti-Asian racism and its intersectionality with other forms of oppression.

Anti-Asian racism, discrimination, and stigma have no place in Canada and we condemn all forms of it. We all have a role to play in preventing and stopping the spread of stigma and racism, whether online, on our streets, in our homes, or in the workplace.

That's why our government:

- Created Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2019-2022;
- Established Canada's first-ever Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat;
- Invested an additional \$50M into anti-racism initiatives in the 2020 Fall Economic Statement;
- Through Budget 2021: Invested \$11M in the Canadian Race Relations Foundation to facilitate initiatives like the establishment of a national coalition to support Asian Canadian communities investing into improved collection and use of disaggregated data

Under our government, the Anti-Racism Secretariat set up the Equity-Seeking Communities & COVID-19 Taskforce – the Taskforce works with government organizations and diverse communities, including Asian Canadian communities, to ensure that our response to COVID-19 is informed by lived experiences.

Additionally, our government introduced the Digital Citizen Initiative to build resilience against online disinformation, while also countering anti-Asian hate and discrimination.

While Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy (2019–2022) already commits to combatting racism and discrimination in all its forms, we heard loud and clear that anti-Asian racism needed to be defined - which is why our government consulted with a wide range of Asian community leaders to develop an official definition of anti-Asian racism, which has been added to *Building a Foundation for Change: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy (2019-2022)*.

We also know that grassroots organizations require funding and support to combat anti-Asian racism at the community level. Which is why our government was proud to support organizations through the Anti-Racism Action Program. Federal funding was given to the Chinese Canadian National Council, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic, ACCT Foundation, South Asian Legal Clinic Society of British Columbia, to advance projects that address anti-



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Asian racism, online hate, provide anti-racism training, and share the history of Chinese communities in Canada.

During Asian Heritage Month, our government was proud to work alongside Asian activists, performers, community leaders, and politicians from all stripes to show the immense contributions of Asian-Canadians.

The Prime Minister was and has been unequivocal in calling acts of racism and discrimination, including Anti-Asian Racism throughout the pandemic when the issue was especially acute. As we build back consciously more inclusive, our government we will continue to take concrete steps to confront anti-Asian racism, and work hand-in-hand with Asian Canadians.