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Dear Community Members,

We, the undersigned community partners, are expressing our deep sorrow over the recent incidents at local Hindu and Sikh places of worship. These acts of violence and hatred are unacceptable and undermine the very foundation of our diverse communities.

As representatives of various organizations serving our communities, we emphasize our commitment to fostering an environment of peace, non-violence, and respect for all differences and opinions. We believe that every individual, irrespective of their identities, should feel safe at their places of worship and in their community.

Considering these troubling events, we recognize the urgent need to focus on building safer, resilient, and healthy communities. Together, we can promote understanding and collaboration among all residents, creating safe spaces for dialogue and shared experiences. Together, we must commit to not only addressing the immediate impacts of these criminal acts and harm caused but also focus on working together proactively to prevent future acts of hate and discrimination.

We urge everyone to stand in solidarity, respect one another's beliefs, and engage in constructive conversations and violence-free exchanges. It is through unity, empathy, and ongoing cooperation that we can cultivate communities that reflect our shared values of acceptance and inclusion.

Together, let us reaffirm our dedication to creating communities where diversity is valued, and where every person can safely live and thrive in a cohesive and healthy environment.

Yours In Service,

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