



California Latinx Psychological Association

Statement regarding Domestic Terrorism January 14, 2021

On January 6, 2021, we witnessed riotous supporters of President Donald Trump storm the US Capitol and force their way into the building. The insurgence carried out by pro-Trump supporters disrupted the certification of the electoral vote count for President-elect Joe Biden. This rampage resulted after horrific and inflammatory statements were made by President Trump exhorting his supporters to “fight much harder” and “show strength” at the Capitol. At least five people died during the attack, and most recently, an officer on duty during the riot has died by suicide. Many Black and Latinx community members drew a stark contrast between the police response by the mostly White group and the many Black Lives Matter protests led by people of color in 2020.

The California Latinx Psychological Association stands in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who were affected by the act of domestic terrorism on January 6, 2021. Despite the chaos, we should not lose sight of the fact that Congress continued with the electoral vote, confirming Joe Biden as our new president for a new term. In addition, President-elect Joe Biden won the vote in the state of Georgia, in large part due to the greater than usual turnout by African American and Latino voters; something that had not been accomplished by a Democratic presidential candidate since the early 90’s. Biden also diversified his incoming administration by selecting a Latino from Connecticut, Miguel Cardona, to be the US Secretary of Education. In addition, Alejandro Mayorkas was nominated to head the Department of Homeland Security and Xavier Becerra was nominated to head the Department of Health and Human Services. Both nominees are Latinx individuals from California. Lastly, the mobilization of a large number of African-American voters was a decisive factor in determining the outcome of elections for two Democratic senate seats in the state of Georgia. These important occurrences not only uphold the ideals of democracy in this country, but they validate the efforts of organizations such as ours that are committed to social justice. CLPA remains committed to increasing, disseminating, and applying our knowledge as mental health professionals in the service of liberty and justice for all.

Sincerely,
The CLPA Leadership Team