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ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PRICE DOES NOT APOLOGIZE AND NOW DENIES WRITING CONDESCENDING E-MAIL TO THE “CHINESE COMMUNITIES”

On April 6, 2023, NAPIPA sent an email to Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price that included our press release entitled, “NAPIPA’S RESPONSE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY PRICE’S EMAIL WRITTEN “TO THE CHINESE COMMUNITIES”.” In that email, we asked DA Price to meet with us to work together to ensure justice for all communities; apologize for her condescending and misleading email sent “[t]o the Chinese communities; be transparent with the public especially crime victims and their families; and to vigorously prosecute violent criminals.

On April 7, 2023, DA Price responded via email. She did not apologize or address her commitment to seeking justice for Jasper Wu or his family. Instead, DA Price denied sending the March 28, 2023 condescending email and claimed it was sent by Ms. Elaine Peng. NAPIPA possesses a copy of an email dated March 28, 2023 at 4pm sent from DA Price's Alameda County email address along with her digital signature addressed to Elaine Peng containing the same language as the email reported by media outlets.

DA Price did respond to NAPIPA's request for a meeting which unfortunately cannot take place before the preliminary hearing scheduled for the defendants accused of murdering Jasper Wu. We look forward to the future meeting with DA Price to discuss justice for Jasper Wu's family, an apology to the API communities in Alameda County, and how NAPIPA can assist in repairing the harm to restore the community's faith."

Below is DA Price’s response to our organization in its entirety dated April 7, 2023:

Mr. (Alexander) Adams (NAPIPA Nor Cal Chapter President), you are mistaken and misinformed. The email you reference did not come from me. It was sent by Ms. Elaine Peng to her set of friends and colleagues. She asked if she could share some information from our office which was sent to Supervisor Lena Tam, and I authorized her to do so. I will forward your response to Ms. Peng. Feel free to reach out to her directly as she is copied on this message, along with Supervisor Tam and her staffer.

The portion of Ms. Peng’s email that refers to “non-carceral forms of accountability” refers to a request that our office consider supporting a proposed program by a local non-profit organization for addressing anti-Asian violence. That program and the description of it has absolutely no connection to the Jasper Wu case, and the local non-profit organization is not involved in any way in the prosecution of the Jasper Wu case.

I deeply regret that Ms. Peng's effort to create a dialogue with her colleagues led your organization to publicly denounce me without ever speaking to her or I. If you would like to meet with Ms. Peng and I, and she is willing to speak with your group, I would be happy to accompany her.

Thank you for your interest in our conversation.