

The recent murders in Atlanta were acts of indescribable cruelty and hatred. They were un-American and inhuman. If these murders were intended to horrify us, they did. But if they were intended to divide us, know this: They have not only failed, they have had just the opposite effect.

We, the undersigned, are former United States Attorneys from both Democratic and Republican Administrations. We are men and women. We are from the North and South. The East and West. We are every color and every religion. We are gay and straight. We are from different generations. We are conservative, moderate, and progressive. And in these hyper-partisan and divisive times, we may disagree on a lot. But we agree on this: We are united in supporting the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities as we mourn together. We are also united in our condemnation of all acts of hatred and bigotry, and the words of hatred and bigotry that inspire them, whether they are directed at Asians, Blacks, women, members of the LGBTQ community or any other historically disadvantaged group.

To those who do and say such things in the guise of patriotism or fidelity to American ideals: You don't really understand what America strives to be about. You don't understand, love, or serve this nation, but betray it, and its greatest ideals.

Our country is not perfect. Our history is marked too often by times when we have failed to live up to our ideals of equality and fairness. We know that many Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have faced shameful bigotry, oppression, and violence in this nation—not just during the coronavirus pandemic, but dating back a century and more, including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, the Supreme Court's Korematsu decision, and the murder of Vincent Chin, to name just a few. And tragically, inexcusably, our nation still confronts an epidemic of violence against women, and against women in these very communities.

We cannot and must not dismiss or minimize this terrible event as the action of a single, depraved individual. We cannot minimize or ignore the facts; we can't overcome the fear and ignorance at the heart of racism without understanding its entire context, including some of the ugliest episodes in our country's history. We also know, as former law enforcement officials, that there has been historic and understandable distrust of government in Asian American, Native Hawaii, and Pacific Islander communities. That leads to underreporting of hate crimes and bias incidents to law enforcement, especially at the earliest stages of the appearance of a potential threat. So, for all the progress we have made, much more is required to build the trust needed for effective law enforcement. We vow to reach out and to listen better – and to act. And we call on the Department of Justice to redouble its efforts to work with and encourage its state and local partners to do even more to address acts of hatred and bigotry, including by maintaining and providing better data regarding them.

For each of us, the Department of Justice has been our professional home, but it also represents so much more. Since the moment of its birth in 1870, a core value of the Justice Department has been the fight to protect the most vulnerable among us. The men and women who make up its ranks carry on this proud tradition today, and will do so again and again, whenever and wherever

there are communities under threat because of their race, gender, religion, ethnicity, or orientation.

Finally, we want to say this clearly. Those who encourage and incite hatred and violence also bear responsibility for these acts of horror. Words matter — whether you spew hatred in public or from the dark corners of social media. We are aware of what you are doing, there are far more of us than there are of you, and now, we are more united than ever.

Names of Former US Attorneys	District(s)	Dates of Service
A. Brian Albritton	Middle District of Florida	2008-2010
Aaron L. Weisman	District of Rhode Island	2019-2021
Alice Martin	Northern District of Alabama	2001-2009
Anna Mills Wagoner	Middle District of North Carolina	2000-2010
Ben Campbell	Eastern District of New York	2007-2010
Billy J. Williams	District of Oregon	2015-2021
Bob Balfe	Western District of Arkansas	2004-2009
Brendan V. Johnson	District of South Dakota	2009-2015
Brett L. Tolman	District of Utah	2006-2010
Bryan Schroder	District of Alaska	2017-2021
Catherine L. Hanaway	Eastern District of Missouri	2005-2009
Chris Christie	District of New Jersey; 55th Governor of New Jersey	2002-2008 (D.N.J.) 2010-2018 (Governor)
Chuck Rosenberg	Southern District of Texas; Eastern District of Virginia	2005-2006 (S.D. Tex.) 2006-2008 (E.D. Va.)
Craig Carpenito	District of New Jersey	2018-2021
Dak Kees	Western District of Arkansas	2018-2020
Daniel G. Bogden	District of Nevada	2001-2007; 2009-2017
David C. Iglesias	District of New Mexico	2001-2007
David N. Kelley	Southern District of New York	2003-2005
Edward E. McNally	Southern District of Illinois	2005-2006
Greg Miller	Northern District of Florida	2002-2008
Halsey Frank	District of Maine	2017-2021
Jan Paul Miller	Central District of Illinois	2002-2005
Jim Martin	Eastern District of Missouri	2004-2005
John C. Richter	Western District of Oklahoma	2005-2009
John Huber	District of Utah	2015-2021
John L. Brownlee	Western District of Virginia	2001-2008
John McKay	Western District of Washington	2001-2007
Karen P. Hewitt	Southern District of California	2007-2010
Ken Wainstein	District for the District of Columbia	2004-2006
Kevin O'Connor	District of Connecticut	2002-2008
Leura G. Canary	Middle District of Alabama	2001-2011
Marcos Daniel Jiménez	Southern District of Florida	2002-2005
Matthew D. Orwig	Eastern District of Texas	2001-2007
Matthew Schneider	Eastern District of Michigan	2018-2021
McGregor W. Scott	Eastern District of California	2003-2009; 2017-2021
Michael Battle	Western District of New York	2001-2005
Michael D. McKay	Western District of Washington	1989-1993
Michael J. Sullivan	District of Massachusetts	2001-2009
Paul B. Murphy	Southern District of Georgia	2004
Paul Charlton	District of Arizona	2001-2007
Paul E. Coggins	Northern District of Texas	1993-2001
Paul I. Perez	Middle District of Florida	2002-2007
Peter E. Deegan, Jr.	Northern District of Iowa	2017-2021
Peter M. McCoy Jr.	District of South Carolina	2020-2021
Ralph Marra	District of New Jersey	2008-2009
Richard B. Roper	Northern District of Texas	2004-2009
Robert Clark Corrente	District of Rhode Island	2004-2009
Robert J. Cleary	District of New Jersey; Southern District of Illinois	1999-2002 (D.N.J.) 2002 (S.D. Ill.)
Robert McCampbell	Western District of Oklahoma	2001-2005
Robert S. Brewer, Jr.	Southern District of California	2019-2021
Rod J. Rosenstein	District of Maryland	2005-2017

Rodger A. Heaton	Central District of Illinois	2005-2009
Ronald J. Tenpas	Southern District of Illinois	2003-2005
Ronald Parsons	District of South Dakota	2018-2021
Scott Schools	District of South Carolina; Northern District of California	2001 (D.S.C.) 2007-2008 (N.D. Cal.)
Seth D. DuCharme	Eastern District of New York	2020-2021
Terrance P. Flynn	Western District of New York	2006-2009
Thomas B. Heffelfinger	District of Minnesota	1991-1993; 2001-2006
Thomas P. O'Brien	Central District of California	2007-2009
Tim Johnson	Southern District of Texas	2008-2010
Troy A. Eid	District of Colorado	2006-2009
William Leone	District of Colorado	2004-2006
Nicola T. Hanna	Central District of California	2018-2021
BJay Pak	Northern District of Georgia	2017-2021
Debra Wong Yang	Central District of California	2002-2006
John Walsh	District of Colorado	2010-2016
Joon Kim	Southern District of New York	2000-2006; 2013-2018
Robert Kyoung Hur	District of Maryland	2007-2014; 2018-2021
Stephanie Yonekura	Central District of California	2014-2015
Steve M. Dettelbach	Northern District of Ohio	2009-2016
Donald K. Stern	District of Massachusetts	1993-2001
Edward L. Dowd Jr.	Eastern District of Missouri	1993-1999
James S. Brady	Western District of Michigan	1977-1981
Justin Herdman	Northern District of Ohio	2017-2021
Karen L. Loeffler	District of Alaska	2009-2017
Richard A Rossman	Eastern District of Michigan	1980-1981
Robert C. Bundy	District of Alaska	1994-2001
Robert J. Higdon, Jr.	Eastern District of North Carolina	2017-2021
Stanley A. Twardy, Jr.	District of Connecticut	1985-1991
J.A. "Tony" Canales	Southern District of Texas	1977-1980
B. Todd Jones	District of Minnesota	1998-2001; 2009-2013
Barbara McQuade	Eastern District of Michigan	2010-2017
Barry R. Grissom	District of Kansas	2010-2016
Benjamin B. Wagner	Eastern District of California	2009-2016
Benjamin C. Glassman	Southern District of Ohio	2016-2019
Bob Troyer	District of Colorado	2016-2018
Booth Goodwin	Southern District of West Virginia	2010-2015
Carmen M. Ortiz	District of Massachusetts	2009-2017
Carole Rendon	Northern District of Ohio	2016-2017
Carter Stewart	Southern District of Ohio	2009-2016
Charles Oberly	District of Delaware	2010-2017
David Capp	Northern District of Indiana	2009-2017
David Fein	District of Connecticut	2010-2013
Deborah R. Gilg	District of Nebraska	2009-2017
Deirdre M. Daly	District of Connecticut	2013-2017
Dwight Holton	District of Oregon	2010-2011
Edward J. Tarver	Southern District of Georgia	2009-2017
Eileen M. Decker	Central District of California	2015-2017
Jason Dunn	District of Colorado	2018-2021
Jim Lewis	Central District of Illinois	2010-2016
John Horn	Northern District of Georgia	2015-2017
John W. Vaudreuil	Western District of Wisconsin	2010-2017
Joyce Vance	Northern District of Alabama	2009-2017
Kelly Currie	Eastern District of New York	2015
Kevin W. Techau	Northern District of Iowa	2014-2017

Malcolm Bales	Eastern District of Texas	2009-2016
Nicholas A. Klinefeldt	Southern District of Iowa	2009-2015
Patrick Fitzgerald	Northern District of Illinois	2001-2012
Peter F. Neronha	District of Rhode Island	2009-2017
Preet Bharara	Southern District of New York	2009-2017
Randy Seiler	District of South Dakota	2015-2017
Ripley Rand	Middle District of North Carolina	2011-2017
Ronald Machen	District for the District of Columbia	2010
Sarah R. Saldaña	Northern District of Texas	2011-2014
Thomas Strickland	District of Colorado	1999-2001
Timothy Heaphy	Western District of Virginia	2009-2014
Timothy Q. Purdon	District of North Dakota	2010-2015
Tristram Coffin	District of Vermont	2009-2015
Walt Green	Middle District of Louisiana	2014-2017
Wendy J. Olson	District of Idaho	2010-2017
Wifredo Ferrer	Southern District of Florida	2010-2017
William C. Killian	Eastern District of Tennessee	2010-2015
William N. Nettles	District of South Carolina	2010-2016
Zachary Fardon	Northern District of Illinois	2013-2017
Conner Eldridge	Western District of Arkansas	2010-2015
Erica H. MacDonald	District of Minnesota	2018-2021
Jack W. Selden	Northern District of Alabama	1992-1993
Melinda Haag	Northern District of California	2010-2015
Trent Shores	Northern District of Oklahoma	2017-2021