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## **CACAGNY Denounces 3 Men Charged for Defacing and Destroying Chinese Graves**

**The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater N.Y. (CACAGNY)** praises the community cooperation and police work that led to the arraignment of three men charged with toppling, breaking and defacing over 100 headstones, mausoleums and monuments in the Cypress Hills Cemetery in Queens this past August. Monuments were broken, and memorials were spray-painted with racist slurs and applied with human feces. Many Chinese Americans are buried at the Cypress Hills Cemetery. Several Chinese associations have sections in the cemetery. The Gee Poy Kuo Association's monument and Sze Kong Mutual Benevolent Association's arch were among the monuments defaced. The three men were charged with burglary, criminal mischief and criminal trespass, as well as cemetery desecration, aggravated harassment, and attempted burglary.

CACAGNY, with **Asian American Communities Empowerment (BRACE)**, and NYC Council Candidate Yoni Hikind met to denounce the racist attacks.

"No one understands the impact of these ugly hate crimes better than we do in the neighborhood where I was raised—it is abhorrent for anyone to endure," said Hikind. "The Chinese-American community sets an example for New Yorkers on numerous levels and I stand with the Chinese community resolutely and in solidarity as we face down vicious cowards who are so hateful that they gain satisfaction in the defacement and desecration of cemeteries. We will stop the hate, by showing the world that we stand united with love and respect. Let this be a wake-up call to all of our neighbors: when your neighbor has been attacked, you have been attacked. And likewise, we will stand in defiance, as one community."

CACAGNY Second Vice President Stanley Ng 伍溢文 said, "We are glad that there have finally been arrests in this case. Our Chinese community has been hurt by this. All communities are hurt by this. I'm glad other communities have stood up to condemn this behavior. "

CACAGNY President Wai Wah Chin 陳慧華 said, "We appreciate the work that went to the arrest of these vandals. This kind of behavior is despicable and intolerable. We condemn these attacks and call upon all our neighbors, whatever their backgrounds, to stand united with us to seek justice, and to work towards greater respect and community."



### **About Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY)**

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is the oldest civil rights organization dedicated to the advocacy of Chinese Americans. CACAGNY, its New York chapter, continues this 120-year tradition to empower and enhance the future of Chinese Americans through advocacy for Chinese-American interests, based on the principles of fairness and equal opportunity, and guided by the ideals of patriotism, civility, and dedication to family and moral standards. Further information on the mission and accomplishments on CACAGNY and C.A.C.A. is available at [cacagny.org](http://cacagny.org) and [cacanational.org](http://cacanational.org).