



## CALIFORNIA ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

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### ASSEMBLYMEMBER WARREN T. FURUTANI STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE SIKH COMMUNITY

Sacramento – On August 5, 2012, a gunman killed six people and wounded many others at a Sikh gurdwara in Oak Creek, Wisconsin before being shot to death by police. Authorities have described the event as a potential act of domestic terrorism. Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani (D – South Los Angeles County), chair of the Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement regarding the tragedy:

“I would like to express my deepest condolences for the family, friends, and community directly impacted by this horrific act of violence. I stand in solidarity with the Sikh American community, many who have been in this country for generations. Last year, our office worked closely with the Sikh American community on two informational hearings regarding the challenges the community has faced since 9/11, and we heard many deplorable stories about hate violence aimed towards Sikh Americans. If there is a pattern of hate violence being developed in the United State against this community or any others, then we must do everything we can to end it. While we are waiting for the investigation to unfold, I plan on tracking this case very closely. I hope to provide as much support as we can to our Sikh American brothers and sisters.”

*The API Legislative Caucus was established in 2001 with the mission of representing and advocating for the interests of the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout California. Additionally, the Caucus seeks to increase Asian Pacific Islander participation and representation in all levels of government. Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the caucus.*

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