



California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA

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## State Treasurer Fiona Ma Statement on Southern California Mass Shootings

**SACRAMENTO** – California State Treasurer Fiona Ma released the following statement today:

“I am heartbroken by the brutal acts of gun violence in Southern California that have left families shattered and lives hanging in the balance this New Year. Occurring as Asian American families are celebrating the renewal of the lunar new year, these murders are a stark reminder that the prevalence of guns threatens our lives.”

“Today I join the families and communities in Southern California who are remembering the lives lost and praying for the recovery of those injured and fighting for their lives. I am deeply grateful to the heroic first responders who, like our affected communities, will long bear the emotional scars of this violence. As we grieve this devastating loss, we must also recommit to supporting them all in the long road to mental health recovery ahead, and to honor them by preventing such senseless violence. Sensible gun legislation is required to make our communities safe for all families.”

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*Fiona Ma is California’s 34th State Treasurer. She was first elected on November 6, 2018, with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state’s history and reelected on November 8, 2022. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. The State Treasurer’s Office was created in the California Constitution in 1849. It provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents. California is the world’s fifth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state’s primary banker. Presently, her office processes more than \$3 trillion in banking transactions. She provides transparency and oversight for the government’s investment portfolio and accounts, as well as for the state’s surplus funds. Treasurer Ma oversees an investment portfolio that currently averages over \$200 billion—a significant portion of*

*which is beneficially owned by more than 2,200 local governments in California. She serves as agent of sale for all State bonds and is trustee of billions of dollars of state indebtedness.*

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