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Press Release

Anti-Asian Racism Forum Video now available

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Needham Chief John Schlittler, center above, Dover Chief Peter McGowan, not pictured, and Wellesley Chief Jack Pilecki, center right, joined Norfolk DA Morrissey, center top, for a regional forum on Anti-Asian Racism now viewable on the DA's Facebook and YouTube pages.

The Anti-Asian Racism Forum focused on Needham, Brookline, Dover, Wellesley and Quincy in late March was recorded and is now posted on the Norfolk District Attorney's FaceBook and YouTube pages.

"We had a very strong turnout, with Rep. Alice Hanlon Peisch, who represents Wellesley, and Denise Garlick, who represents Needham and Dover, joining other officials and more than 160 residents on the webinar – and hundreds of others watching on FaceBook Live," said Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey, who organized and hosted the event with Quincy Rep. Tackey Chan and Philip Chong, the CEO of Quincy Asian Resources, Inc.

"Perhaps most importantly, we spent more than an hour answering questions from residents of our towns and people concerned about this issue," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Residents had direct access to the police chiefs of Dover, Brookline, Quincy, Needham, and Wellesley, my Civil Rights Enforcement Chief, and regional leaders."

Morrissey said that he hopes to replicate the event in other regions of Norfolk County in the coming months. "I am very grateful to the legislators and police chiefs who gave their time, but most grateful to the residents who made the event so vibrant," Morrissey said. "There is a strength that comes from standing together."

The 90-minute Forum can be seen on the NORFOLKDATV YouTube page and FaceBook.com/NorfolkDistrictAttorneys Office or at this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXL_0_oFLPM