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## The Vincent Chin Legacy Guide Now Available

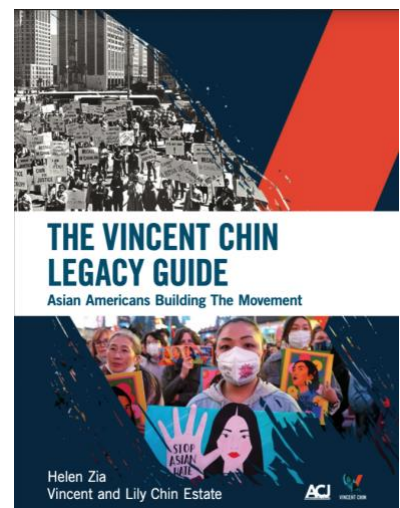
### *Every Detroit Middle and High School To Carry the Definitive Narrative*

**DETROIT (June 21, 2022)**– The first-ever definitive guide to the Vincent Chin legacy launched last week in conjunction with Detroit’s four-day **Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication**.

***The Vincent Chin Legacy Guide*** is a stunning and poignant resource centered on the 1982 beating death of Vincent Chin by two white men who never served a single day in jail for the horrific hate crime, and how Chin’s murder launched the modern Asian civil rights movement. It highlights the solidarity and parallels with the Black civil rights movement and reveals the origins of America’s pan-Asian unity, across ethnic lines.

The 64-page Legacy Guide is free and available at: <https://www.vincentchin.org/legacy-guide>. It will be distributed to every middle school and high school in the greater Detroit area, with the intention to deliver the important account of American history to each school district across the nation.

Author Helen Zia is executor of the Vincent and Lily Chin Estate and a co-founder of American Citizens for Justice (ACJ). Zia was a journalist and organizer in a Detroit auto factory when Vincent Chin was killed, and she helped lead the new Asian American civil rights movement spawned from the tragedy. The Smithsonian Institution created discussion questions within the guide and is underwriting its translation to several Asian languages, including Chinese.



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***“The Vincent Chin Legacy Guide*** is ultimately a call to action,” Zia said. “This is not merely about what happened then. It is a rallying cry about what has to happen now and going forward. Our vision is that students, teachers, really all Americans, not only learn about Vincent Chin and the Asian American civil rights movement, but that they feel compelled now as we did then: to join together, build solidarity with other communities, and act to prevent history from ever repeating itself.”

“As we mark 40 years since Vincent Chin’s murder, The Vincent Chin Legacy Guide is timelier than ever,” said Roland Hwang, president & co-founder of ACJ. “We encourage teachers, students and people everywhere to use this important resource.”

Empowering readers with recommendations and key learnings, the guide continues the movement, inspiring activism to stand up and have strength and agency in the face of racism and ignorance, Hwang said.

“Anti-Asian hate is not new” is one of the key learnings in the guide and an important theme for the Vincent Chin 40th, which reminds us that Chin was murdered amid a climate of anti-Asian hate eerily similar to today, Zia said.

Among the recommendations is “Be a courageous ally,” by calling out anti-Asian hate when you see it. Another is “Amplify the voices and stories” of historically marginalized communities.

The Vincent Chin Legacy Guide provides background information and historical context for the Chin case and the civil rights movement that emerged, along with “Conversation Questions” for each section.

It also includes a timeline of legal milestones and a list of other Asian Americans killed in violent attacks since Vincent Chin’s death. Filled with historical photos and relevant articles, this compelling resource bridges four decades of history to unite the movement’s early activists with a new generation.

“The guide is meant to be a discussion guide and teaching tool,” Zia said. “It is also a tribute to the individuals and communities who came together for justice for Vincent Chin and who are standing up today so that all communities may live without fear of violence.”

The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center assisted with the guide, which will be printed, available online and translated into various Asian languages. For more about **The Vincent Chin Legacy Guide** or the **Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication**, visit [www.VincentChin.org](http://www.VincentChin.org).