



Community and City Response to Hate: Joint Statement

Portland United Against Hate is a community-initiated partnership of Community Based Organizations, Neighborhood Associations, concerned communities and the City. Together, we are building a rapid response system that combines reporting and tracking of hateful acts and providing the support and protection our communities need in this uncertain era. We seek to combine our resources, assets and relationships to create an inclusive city that protects, embraces, and celebrates its diverse communities.

We hear the outcry of our communities. In recent months, many community organizations report increasing incidents of hate crimes and intimidation, including bullying and violence stemming from racism, xenophobia, religious bigotry, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, stigma, and misogyny. This affects every area of our lives, including our workplaces, schools, places of worship, healthcare facilities, the marketplace, and more. We reject this hateful behavior.

We are tackling this toxic environment head on. Our partnership is bound by these common values: we oppose a registry of people based on their faith, culture, ethnicity, and documentation status. We know Black Lives Matter. We will continue advocating reform of our police department and building trust between police and communities of color so everybody feels safe in our neighborhoods. We support Portland's evolution as an Inclusive City, regardless of the threats made by the Trump administration.

We have come together. This community initiated partnership is combining forces with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), whose charge is to connect and support all Portlanders to work collaboratively with government to build inclusive, safe, and livable neighborhoods and communities. Community organizations look to ONI to collaborate in creating a robust response to the negative forces that undermine our city and community.

Our bold and intentional collaborative efforts are designed to protect communities from hate and proactively, create a strong base of support, provide the tools and resources to combat oppression, prosper economically and thrive collectively.

Everyone and every community deserves a safe, prosperous, and peaceful life, a life free from hate and harassment. We recognize and honor our collective resilience and our right to nurture our communities from a place of compassion, security, and belonging.

We invite you to join us. Need help? Please reach out to the organizations below. Someone there will listen to what happened, and help you find a solution. Want to be involved? YOU can volunteer, lend your financial support, get trained on how to combat hate, and come together for community events. YOU can speak up when you hear or see hateful, harassing or intimidating acts. YOU can be part of creating a truly welcoming community. Together, we can all unite against hate.

“With divisiveness and hatred becoming the norm at the national level, and here on the Best Coast, we must find ways to support our neighbors. I sincerely appreciate this statement of community values, being generated by the people, for the people. We believe in dignity and respect for all. That is the Portland way.” Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Updated endorsers 7/31/2018

1. 107IST (107 Independent Supporters Trust)
2. African Youth and Community Organization
3. APANO
4. As the Spirit Moves Us
5. Causa Oregon
6. Central Northeast Neighbors
7. Coalition of Communities of Color
8. East Portland Action Plan
9. East Portland Neighborhood Office
10. Eastmoreland Neighborhood Assn
11. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
12. Fair Housing Council of Oregon
13. Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND)
14. Iraqi Society of Oregon
15. IRCO (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization)
16. IRCO Asian Family Center
17. IRCO Africa House
18. Irvington Community Association
19. Jewish Voices for Peace
20. Kerns Neighborhood Association
21. Latino Network
22. Lents Neighborhood Association
23. Let It Pour - Cross Disability and POC Community Action Group
24. Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling
25. Linnton Neighborhood Association
26. Love Action Coalition
27. Lutheran Community Services NW
28. Maplewood Neighborhood Association
29. Metropolitan Public Defender
30. Milagro Theatre
31. Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association
32. Muslim Community Center of Portland
33. Muslim Educational Trust
34. Native American Youth & Family Center
35. No Hate Zone
36. Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
37. North Portland Neighborhood Services
38. Office of Community & Civic Life, City of Portland
39. OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
40. Oregon Board of Rabbi's
41. Oregon Coalition Against Hate Crimes
42. Oregon Coalition for Muslim Values
43. Oregon Harbor of Hope
44. Oregon Muslim Citizens Alliance
45. People-Places-Things
46. Portland African American Leadership Forum
47. Portland Japanese American Citizens League
48. POIC + Rosemary Anderson High School
49. Portland Two-Spirit Society
50. Portland UnShul
51. Q Center
52. Resolutions Northwest
53. Sabin Community Association
54. SE Uplift
55. Somali American Council of Oregon
56. Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
57. SW Neighborhoods, Inc.
58. Unite Oregon
59. Urban League
60. Verde
61. Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship
62. YWCA