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 Community & Civic Life, 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.

“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
Coalition Members:
1. 107ist (107 Independent Supporters Trust)
2. African Youth and Community Organization
3. APANO
4. As the Spirit Moves Us
5. Central Northeast Neighbors
6. City of Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights
7. Coalition of Communities of Color
8. Council on American-Islamic Relations Oregon
10. Fair Housing Council of Oregon
11. First Unitarian Portland
12. Greater Portland Trans Unity
13. Guardian Angels
14. IRCO (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization)
15. Latino Network
16. Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling
17. Lutheran Community Services Northwest
18. Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
19. North Portland Neighborhood Services
20. Office of Community & Civic Life
21. Portland Bureau of Transportation
22. PSU Holocaust Education Center
23. Q Center
24. Rosewood Initiative
25. SE Uplift
26. TriMet
27. Unite Oregon
28. YWCA of Greater Portland

Endorsers:
1. Causa Oregon
2. Community of Welcoming Congregations
3. Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Asn
4. East Portland Neighborhood Office
5. Eastmoreland Neighborhood Assn
6. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
7. Forest Park Neighborhood Association
8. Havurah Shalom
9. Hosford-Abernethy Nbhd District
10. Iraqi Society of Oregon
11. IRCO Asian Family Center
12. IRCO Africa House
13. Irvington Community Association
14. Jewish Federation of Greater Portland
15. Jewish Voice for Peace
16. Jobs with Justice
17. Kerns Neighborhood Association
18. Lents Neighborhood Association
19. Let it Pour Pour - Cross Disability and POC Community Action Group
20. Linnton Neighborhood Association
21. Love Action Coalition
22. Maplewood Neighborhood Association
23. Metropolitan Public Defender
24. Milagro Theatre
25. Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association
26. Muslim Community Center of Portland
27. Muslim Educational Trust
28. Native American Youth & Family Center
29. New Expressive Works
30. No Hate Zone
31. Office of Community & Civic Life
32. OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
33. Oregon Board of Rabbi’s
34. Oregon Coalition Against Hate Crimes
35. Oregon Coalition for Muslim Values
36. Oregon Harbor of Hope
37. Oregon Muslim Citizens Alliance
38. People-Places-Things
39. Portland African American Leadership Forum
40. Portland Japanese American Citizens League
41. Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center + Rosemary Anderson High School
42. Portland Two-Spirit Society
43. Portland Underground Grad School
44. Portland UnShul
45. Resolutions Northwest
46. The Rosewood Initiative
47. Sabin Community Association
48. Somali American Council of Oregon
49. Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
50. SW Neighborhoods, Inc.
51. Urban League of Portland
52. Verde
53. Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship

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