



Portland United Against Hate

February 7, 2019

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioners Eudaly
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

The Portland United Against Hate Coalition thanks you for your leadership in the ongoing effort to address white nationalism and stop the violence instigated by groups of white supremacists.

The resolution coming before City Council on Feb 7, 2019 that condemns white supremacy is an important step in shifting towards a culture of safety, livability, and belonging in Portland. Together we must collectively and clearly say that hate will not be tolerated in this city.

Portland United Against Hate supports this resolution.

Your commitment to pair this condemnation with trainings for all city staff is crucial in that it focuses not only on words but on action.

We see this as a powerful step to equip public employees to be part of the solution. PUAH is here as a resource for our partners in the City. We invite you to call on our network of diverse, skilled members to help tackle these issues.

We know this resolution does not stand alone. It is one in a series of actions taken by Council on this issue. Council has vocalized your opposition to white supremacist groups, calling on the federal government to revoke permits for their gatherings, and partnered with communities to address the impacts of white supremacy and hate violence.

There is more to do. We must look to policy changes to address the City's role in perpetuating white supremacy. PUAH is your partner in this work, offering community leadership and direction. We look forward to continuing our work together to invigorate a culture of safety and belonging for all Portlanders.

Sincerely,

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