

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.

"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

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.

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Updated endorsers 2/1/2018

1. 107IST (107 Independent Supporters Trust)
2. APANO
3. Causa Oregon
4. Central Northeast Neighbors
5. Coalition of Communities of Color
6. East Portland Action Plan
7. East Portland Neighborhood Office
8. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
9. Iraqi Society of Oregon
10. IRCO (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization)
11. IRCO Asian Family Center
12. IRCO Africa House
13. Irvington Community Association
14. Jewish Voices for Peace
15. Kerns Neighborhood Association
16. Latino Network
17. Lents Neighborhood Association
18. Linnton Neighborhood Association
19. Love Action Coalition
20. Lutheran Community Services NW
21. Maplewood Neighborhood Association
22. Metropolitan Public Defender
23. Milagro Theatre
24. Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association
25. Muslim Community Center of Portland
26. Muslim Educational Trust
27. Native American Youth & Family Center
28. No Hate Zone
29. Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
30. North Portland Neighborhood Services
31. Office of Neighborhood Involvement City of Portland
32. Oregon Board Of Rabbi's
33. Oregon Coalition Against Hate Crimes
34. Oregon Coalition for Muslim Values
35. Oregon Harbor of Hope
36. Oregon Muslim Citizens Alliance
37. Portland African American Leadership Forum
38. Portland Japanese American Citizens League
39. Portland Two-Spirit Society
40. Portland UnShul
41. Q Center
42. Resolutions Northwest
43. Sabin Community Association
44. SE Uplift
45. Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
46. SW Neighborhoods, Inc.
47. Unite Oregon
48. Urban League
49. Verde
50. Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship
51. YWCA