

## 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.

### ***Portland United Against Hate***

Updated endorsers 4/10/2018

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. Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND)
10. Iraqi Society of Oregon
11. IRCO (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization)
12. IRCO Asian Family Center
13. IRCO Africa House
14. Irvington Community Association
15. Jewish Voices for Peace
16. Kerns Neighborhood Association
17. Latino Network
18. Lents Neighborhood Association
19. Linnton Neighborhood Association
20. Love Action Coalition
21. Lutheran Community Services NW
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. No Hate Zone
30. Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
31. North Portland Neighborhood Services
32. Office of Neighborhood Involvement City of Portland
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. Portland African American Leadership Forum
39. Portland Japanese American Citizens League
40. Portland Two-Spirit Society
41. Portland UnShul
42. Q Center
43. Resolutions Northwest
44. Sabin Community Association
45. SE Uplift
46. Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
47. SW Neighborhoods, Inc.
48. Unite Oregon
49. Urban League
50. Verde
51. Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship
52. YWCA