

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 5/22/2018

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. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
11. Fair Housing Council of Oregon
12. Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND)
13. Iraqi Society of Oregon
14. IRCO (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization)
15. IRCO Asian Family Center
16. IRCO Africa House
17. Irvington Community Association
18. Jewish Voices for Peace
19. Kerns Neighborhood Association
20. Latino Network
21. Lents Neighborhood Association
22. Let It Pour - Cross Disability and POC Community Action Group
23. Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling
24. Linnton Neighborhood Association
25. Love Action Coalition
26. Lutheran Community Services NW
27. Maplewood Neighborhood Association
28. Metropolitan Public Defender
29. Milagro Theatre
30. Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association
31. Muslim Community Center of Portland
32. Muslim Educational Trust
33. Native American Youth & Family Center
34. No Hate Zone
35. Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
36. North Portland Neighborhood Services
37. Office of Neighborhood Involvement, City of Portland
38. OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
39. Oregon Board of Rabbi's
40. Oregon Coalition Against Hate Crimes
41. Oregon Coalition for Muslim Values
42. Oregon Harbor of Hope
43. Oregon Muslim Citizens Alliance
44. People-Places-Things
45. Portland African American Leadership Forum
46. Portland Japanese American Citizens League
47. Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center + Rosemary Anderson High School
48. Portland Two-Spirit Society
49. Portland UnShul
50. Q Center
51. Resolutions Northwest
52. Sabin Community Association
53. SE Uplift
54. Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
55. SW Neighborhoods, Inc.
56. Unite Oregon
57. Urban League
58. Verde

59. Wilshire United Methodist Native
American Fellowship

60. YWCA