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Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: GHBIC Statement about White Supremacist and KKK Planned Rally
Attachments: Statement 4.5.2021.pdf

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Dear Mayor Carr and City Council Members,

The Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council Executive Committee approved the attached statement regarding acts of violence and extremist hate groups gathering in Huntington Beach. I will read it at tonight's city council meeting during public comments. Thank you all for standing together to oppose such immoral expressions of hate and violence. We were proud to also endorse O.C. Human Relations' statement identified below. A founding principle of world religions is the dignity of the human person. Any suggestion that a race is superior to another is abhorrent to this principle and cannot be tolerated.

Patricia Goodman, Vice President
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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 4/5/2021

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From: Maha Ragab <maham3k@gmail.com>
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The GHBIC Executive Committee has taken two actions to affirm our GHBIC position of unity within diversity and speak out against violence and hate. These actions are in response to a planned rally on Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 pm by white supremacist and KKK groups.

1. Through the suggestion of our member, Rev. Rayna Hamre, the GHBIC Executive Committee unanimously approved the attached statement. We thank Rev. Rayna for her suggestion and preparing the statement.
2. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the O.C. Human Relations recent statement about "Reports of White Lives Matter Rally on 4/11 in Orange County - Fighting White Supremacy Means Fighting Racism, Not Each Other." Here is a link to the statement and the sign-on the document:
<https://forms.gle/iyyQa8KDnvw7fNYSA>



GREATER HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Dedicated to understanding, respecting, promoting, and celebrating spiritual and cultural diversity

Executive Committee:

April 5, 2021

Penelope Nichols, President
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Statement regarding acts of violence and extremist hate groups gathering in Huntington Beach.

Patricia Goodman, Vice-president
Self-Help Interfaith Program

The Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council (GHBIC) is saddened by the recent acts of violence in our country and concerned about the persistence of extremist hate groups gathering in our beloved city. We strongly condemn any and all acts of hate and violent extremist ideologies that have led to the loss of lives, the destruction of families, and damage to society. Hate has no place in Huntington Beach.

Marsha Rechsteiner,
Immediate Past President
Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church

Maha Ragab, Secretary
Muslim Community

Emrah Erduran, Treasurer
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The Pacifica Institute

We believe that every human life has infinite value and that each of us deserves respect, love, and support. Let us come together across our city, and all across this country, in the spirit of unity, to begin dialogues of understanding to eradicate racism, extremism, and hate. Let us open and strengthen the lines of communication between our diverse communities with those who might have a different perspective than we do. We support efforts to learn not only about our neighbors, but about ourselves as well.

Rabbi Stephen J. Einstein, Member
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Congregation B'nai Tzedek

Rev. Pattie Mercado, Member
Spiritual Director, Huntington Beach
Center for Spiritual Living

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Rev. James Pike, Member
Pastor, Lutheran Church of the
Resurrection, Huntington Beach

We, the members of the GHBIC, resolve to:

Mission Statement:

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- Work with each other and with community groups to support spiritual, social, and economic opportunities for those who live in our city.
- Foster a diverse community of spiritual and secular leadership.
- Celebrate the diverse communities and individuals living within our city.
- Through our words and actions, lovingly and actively strive to cross barriers that may separate us.
- Support our Interfaith Community in actively sharing the Spirit of Love, Compassion, and Justice.

We pray that the bodies, spirits, and minds of those injured by hate crimes and acts of violence be healed. We pray for the grieving families to be comforted, and for the hearts of all humanity to come together to share this world in harmony with each other.

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We hope that you will share these documents with your communities of faith, family and friends. Please share with us your intentions and if your community has adopted a similar statement and/or action to stand against hate and violence.

Below are links to articles about this local rally and the HB City Council's response and virtual counter gathering on April 11 at 1 pm.

- <https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2021-04-01/huntington-beach-city-council-to-consider-items-denouncing-hate-crimes-and-white-supremacy>
- <https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2021-03-30/kkk-propaganda-drop-white-lives-matter-rally-inflames-newport-beach-huntington-beach>

We have heard that there will be a physical counter gathering at 11 am at the pier on that Sunday, April 11, but check your local sources to confirm.

We all consider this time of the calendar a season of renewal and hope through our many religious traditions. We pray that our words turn to acts of forgiveness and compassion.



Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council

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