

For Immediate Release:

Hate Has No Place in A Compassionate City

Spokane, Washington – February 23, 2017 – White nationalist papered areas of downtown Spokane with anti-refugee posters.

These types of acts are meant to threaten and place fear in the minds of our citizens, our neighbors, our friends. We cannot and will not tolerate these acts.

No citizen should have to walk through our downtown corridor and be exposed to such hate-filled messaging. This is 2017 not 1917. This is Spokane. This is Washington. This is America. A place where citizens should walk, work and feel safe in their environment.

If we are truly to embody a “Compassionate City”, we must behave and respond as such.

We cannot let the hateful voices of a few, threaten and harm the collective hearts of our citizens, our neighbors, our friends. We must stand against and repudiate any and all acts of racism, in words, actions or posters.

We, the Spokane NAACP, Spokane Human Rights Commission, Spokane County Human Rights Task Force, Spokane Interfaith Council and YWCA Spokane, stand “collectively and in solidarity” against these acts!

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