



Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee
Resolution: 2019 – 14 Domestic Terror
Keep Oregonians Safe from Domestic Terror and Hate Groups

Whereas in 2018, the Department of Homeland Security defunded the section of the Department's Intelligence & Analysis unit that covers domestic terrorism, despite rising incidents of violence by homegrown extremist and hate groups,¹ and

Whereas the Trump administration has defunded and shut down several programs that counter violent extremism,² and

Whereas the University of Maryland's Global Terrorism Database, which showed far right terrorism on the rise, was defunded in 2018 by the Trump Administration,³ and

Whereas Oregon was number one in reported hate crimes per capita in 2016,⁴ and

Whereas hate crimes in Oregon rose by 40.4% in 2017, exemplified by incidents like the May 2017 MAX train killings in NE Portland, and

Whereas hate crimes are likely underreported in the U.S.A. due to reliance on voluntary reporting,⁵ and

Whereas Oregon's current intimidation laws focus on number of perpetrators, rather than severity of incident, when classifying hate crimes as misdemeanors or felonies,⁶ and

Whereas in 2019, domestic terrorists have targeted Jews, Muslims, and Black Christians in their places of worship,⁷ and

Whereas Multnomah County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Oregon believe in the right of all persons to live in peace, free from oppression in all its forms,⁸

Therefore, be it resolved the Democratic Party of Multnomah County calls upon the Oregon state legislature to pass **SB 577**, which would overhaul and strengthen Oregon's outdated hate crime laws, and



Therefore, be it further resolved that the Democratic Party of Multnomah County calls on **Governor Kate Brown** and **Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum** to create a permanent statewide division within the **Oregon Department of Justice** that would be tasked with investigating and gathering intelligence on hate groups, white nationalists, and violent extremists operating in Oregon or who would target Oregonians, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Party of Multnomah County calls on the **Oregon State Legislature** to move expeditiously to pass legislation to integrate this division within Oregon's state law enforcement infrastructure, and

Be it further resolved that the Democratic Party of Multnomah County calls upon the **State of Oregon** to support programs that counter efforts by violent extremists to recruit, radicalize, and mobilize their followers to violence and to fund deradicalization programs like Life After Hate" to help people transition out of hate groups,⁹ and

Be it further resolved that the Democratic Party of Multnomah County supports restrictions of firearm possession for people convicted of misdemeanor and felony bias and hate crimes.

Adopted on May 9, 2019

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Send to the following Legislators: Sen. Lew Frederick, Sen Prozanski, Rep Power, Sen Manning Jr, Rep Williamson, Sen Peter Courtney, Rep Tina Kotek, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, and Governor Kate Brown.

Short Summary of the purpose of the Resolution and what it will resolve.

This resolution supports proactive efforts by the state of Oregon to identify and address extremist and hate groups in order to combat the rise in hate-related violence. It calls upon the state to protect Oregonians at a time when the Federal government has ignored and minimized the threat of racist and extreme right wing violence and intimidation.

Identify the legislators proposing it, legislation this Resolution pertains to, the timeline in the legislative process. Sen. Lew Frederick, Sen Prozanski, Rep Power, Sen Manning Jr, Rep Williamson, Sen Peter Courtney, Rep Tina Kotek, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, and Governor Kate Brown.



Identify other organizations: Zakir Khan, CAIR Oregon, Roberto Gutierrez, CAUSA, Amanda Hess, Basic Rights Oregon, Kimberly McCollough, ACLU, Shujaat Qalbani, Unite Oregon, Brook Reinhard, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Aaron Knott, Legislative Director, Oregon Department of Justice