

UNITY STATEMENT

We the undersigned call upon the Cincinnati community to join together in rejecting the message of hate of the Nazi party. We stand in solidarity and support of the African-American community in Over the Rhine and every peace loving community. The people of Cincinnati will prove that we are bigger than hate, stronger than ignorance, and more caring than the Nazi party can imagine. All over the city, people of all faiths, races, ethnicities, cultures, socio-economic backgrounds, genders and age groups are standing as one voice, one faith in justice, and as one just community.

We deplore the Nazi party's goal of inflaming our community with words and actions that are against the spirit of our community of caring.

We believe that our community must:

- Respect and protect all people;
- Send forth a message of compassion and dignity;
- Engage all citizens of good will in affirming actions; and
- Embrace non-violent action.

On April 20, Over The Rhine has been designated as the target of racist activity. With Cincinnati having been identified amongst the top ten most segregated and impoverished cities in the nation, we recognize that we have a lot of work to do internally. However, we cannot and will not allow external forces such as the Neo-Nazis to hinder the progress that has already been made.

We understand that we have a long way to go, but we do not want to thwart the progress that has already occurred. We are committed to a new Cincinnati and will hold the city accountable to the progress that will get us there. By making this collective statement, we are declaring that we are committed to working together until Cincinnati reflects the type of City that does not attract hate groups- a Cincinnati that we all can be proud to live, work and play in.