

Resolution

City of Westfield, Massachusetts City of Westfield

WHEREAS, white nationalist organizations have consistently promoted values that are overtly racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigrant, and these poisonous ideologies continue to promote hatred, bigotry, and violence specifically against individuals solely based on their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and immigration status; and

WHEREAS, today, white nationalism and neo-Nazism remain very real threats to the values for which the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Westfield stands, and their reinvention as the “Alt-Right” should not mitigate their hateful ideologies; and

WHEREAS, while free speech is a bedrock value for the citizens in our City, Commonwealth and Country, white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups promote a message that is the antithesis of Westfield’s dedication to civil rights for all, and is in irreconcilable conflict with our foundational principles of liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, white nationalism and neo-Nazism are continuing to grow as menaces to societal order as they seek to reignite social animosities, reverse improvements in race relations, divide the nation, and foment hatred, classism, and ethnic eradication; and

WHEREAS, the white nationalist and neo-Nazi message of racial and social intolerance has led to senseless acts of violence that continue to terrorize members of ethnic and religious communities;

NOW, THEREFORE WE, THE WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL do hereby:

RESOLVE, that the City Council of Westfield Massachusetts stands united in opposition to violence, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies that are promoted by white nationalists and neo-Nazis are strongly denounced and opposed; and further,

RESOLVE, that the City of Westfield elected officials urge all residents to condemn white nationalist and neo-Nazi ideology and to pursue justice in response to hate-fueled violence.