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MAYOR'S STATEMENT

SUBJECT: RECENT HATEFUL ACTS

Recent hateful acts targeting ethnic and religious groups as well as women have shaken our city, in particular our youth, to our very core. These actions are NOT representative of our Albany community. They are the repulsive, deviant deeds of a few and will not be tolerated.

Our entire community must come together to educate those who would perpetrate these acts and those who consider them inconsequential, to their historical significance and the long term damage suffered by the victims and the impact on the entire community.

We empathize with our school community as well as our entire community, and share the concern and call to action as expressed by the Albany Unified School District.

I had the honor of attending the Albany High School Unity Rally last Friday. The students were incredibly inspirational in their ability to express their emotions and support one another. They serve as a beacon of hope for all of us in these difficult times.

These acts of intolerance and hate must be brought into the open. We must accept the reality there is much work to be done to educate and heal our community and I pledge to you as Mayor I will make this a priority.

Peggy McQuaid
Mayor