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SAN FRANCISCO STANDS AGAINST HATE

Mayor Lee and Human Rights Commission join forces with community to combat bigotry and discrimination

*As part of the City's **Help Against Hate** program the SF-HRC will host the first of several planned community conversations aimed at addressing racial and ethnic animosity and hatred starting tomorrow 8/15/17*

(San Francisco, CA) San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (SF-HRC) issued the following joint statement in response to the abhorrent violence and acts of hate and bigotry perpetrated by white supremacist groups in Charlottesville, Virginia over the past weekend:

"We are more determined now than ever to show the country and the world what San Francisco is and will always be: a city that opens its heart to ALL people. A city that unites when challenged by hate.

Expressions of bigotry from hate groups run counter to the values we hold dear in San Francisco. We must stand together, as we always have, and fight for what we believe in: inclusiveness, love, compassion and acceptance.

Tomorrow, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission will host the first of several planned community conversations aimed at addressing racial and ethnic animosity and hatred. In partnership with Black to the Future Collaborative, the HRC will host a community conversation on healing and vigilance in face of white supremacy. The forum will take place on Tuesday, August 15 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the HRC Office, 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 800 San Francisco, CA 94102. The conference is part of the City's **Help Against Hate** program, an ongoing campaign to protect residents from hate violence.

In San Francisco, we will not condone prejudice and discrimination by engaging with those who want to tear our communities apart. Instead, we will work on building a better future by pursuing policies that celebrate our diversity and differences.

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