

From: [Andrea Flores](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comment for 5.b 21-9
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:44:29 PM

Please help identify public service areas vulnerable to the systemic complacency of racial and national origin intolerance and implement changes to eradicate this complacency.

Andrea, constituent from ward 3

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From: [HEATHER GOLDBERG](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Denounce White Supremacy
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:13:35 PM

Hit This! Derby Gear denounces white supremacy. As a business, we have been vocal about ensuring all people feel safe doing business with us. It's time that the city of Salem does the same. Our citizens deserve to feel safe in the city they live in. Denouncing white supremacy is the bare minimum and should be an easy statement. Do you support or do you denounce white supremacy? Staying silent allows violence in the name of supremacy to continue. Please take the first step and make this statement to show your citizens they deserve to be safe in Salem, the city of peace.

-Alex Goldberg
Hit This! Derby Gear
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Caitlin Adele](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comment for city council meeting
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:07:47 PM

It is long overdue for the city of Salem to denounce white supremacy, and anyone with association to white supremacist and adjacent groups, such as Proud Boys and Patriot Prayer. In the recent months Salem's hands off model on dealing with these violent militia groups have emboldened them and brought them here in high numbers. They are assaulting our citizens and spreading their hate and I won't stand for it! Be bold and take a blatant and strong opposition for all forms of white supremacy and to adjacent extreme right militia groups!

Thank you
Caitlin Fewx

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hannah Martinak](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Tonight's City Council meeting.
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:23:39 PM

When will The City Of Salem Denounce White Supremacy? Your community is being targeted, your BIPOC community constantly lives in fear. We have had multiple attacks on a BLACK owned restaurant downtown Salem. We have had multiple Far right groups meeting at the capital. They have broken into the capital, threatened police, maced police, attacked citizens and Journalists. When is enough a enough?!? Your community is tired, we are angry and we are scared. WE NEED A FULL DENOUNCEMENT OF WHITE SUPREMACY NOW!!!

Sincerely,

A resident of 36 years in Salem.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device
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From: [Jena K](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comment in support of motion 5.b 21-9
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:02:57 PM

Dear Mayor Bennett and Councilors,

My name is Jena Knudsen and I am a resident of Salem's Ward 7. I am a healthcare interpreter by profession, and a mother, daughter, sister and friend of other Salem residents who share my concern about the rise in alt-right violence we have been witnessing these past months.

It is important to me to live in a place where all families feel safe. I do not feel that my family is safe here.

I have seen these alt-right extremists, armed and even openly drinking alcohol in our streets, verbally and physically threatening and harassing community members and business owners, based on their race or imagined political affiliations.

I have seen the police stand by and watch. This has got to stop. What needs to be done so that the police will all enforce existing laws and send a clear message to these hate groups?

Thank you for your time. I hope you will all work to affect change in whatever way you can.

Sincerely,

Jena Knudsen

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of jason@inclusioninktattoo.com
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:21:33 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

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State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	<p>Dear City Council and Mayor, Julianne Jackson of Black Joy has requested the support of local Salem businesses in denouncing White Supremacy. I own and operate my own business, Inclusion Ink, in downtown Salem; both my partner and I throw our full support behind Ms. Jackson and Black Joy in denouncing White Supremacy and hope you will do the same, in as public a fashion as possible. I may present as white, though I am part Native American, but my partner, who is African, does not have that luxury; and at the end of the day, we are both equally contributing members of this community, and should be treated as such, no matter what we look like. It has become clear, over the last year, authority figures in our community make a distinction, not simply based on the color of one's skin, but by the reasons—not the actions—groups choose to protest. Salem, like most communities in the state of Oregon, is predominantly white. White faces made up most of the protests centered around George Floyd and police brutality, and yet the response was far greater in numbers and violence for peaceful protests outside the Capitol; yet when another group of white folks show up with guns and bust in on the Capitol, the response was smaller and severely lacking in aggression. This demonstrates White Supremacy at work. Our local law enforcement is commiserating with one group over another. Our city officials need to step up and let everyone know the community, as a whole, denounces and disavows this shameful imbalance. My partner and I have lived here for almost 20 years. I have owned homes and commercial property, well before I started my business 3 years ago. We are raising my daughter together. Salem is our home, and in this last year, we do not feel safe. We should feel safe in our own home, in the community we support. Please do the right thing and support Black Joys efforts to keep Salem the City of Peace. Thank You, Jason Yelle Owner, Inclusion Ink</p>

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From: [Kris Bifulco](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City council: campaign against white supremacy
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:09:06 PM

Dear City Council,

As a resident of Salem I have witnessed the rising violence of white supremacy in our city and your overwhelming inaction to do anything about it or to hold police accountable for their biased unequal enforcement of the law. Mayor Chuck Bennett's call for a report will do nothing to change this-- you must actually do something. You must empower yourselves and the community to make it clear that hate has no home here and we will not tolerate continued violence. Please know that what has been happening here for months paved the way for the attack on our nation's capitol last week. Your response must be swift and firm.

We are exhausted fighting this alone. It is beyond time for you to do something.

Kris Bifulco

From: [Marie Greene](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Please denounce white supremacy in Salem
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:54:20 PM

Hello,

I am a homeowner in District 7 and own a small business with an office just outside of downtown. As a long time resident of Salem, and a parent of young men who graduated from South Salem High School, I am incredible concerned about the lack of leadership in Salem with regard to standing up once and for all against racism and white supremacy. I am disappointed to see how hard advocates are working to urge our community to do the right thing, only to be met with apathy and inaction from Mayor Chuck Bennett and our City Council (with the exception of a couple of our City Councilors who have been speaking up about this).

Our family of five stands firmly against racism and white supremacy. We stand up for our neighbors and People of Color in our community. We stand up for businesses who are taking an active role in speaking out about the violence and injustice that is becoming all too familiar in Salem.

I support the resolution to denounce white supremacy in Salem. Other cities in Oregon have taken this necessary step forward and I expect nothing less from my community here in Salem. As the capital city, we should be leading by example. My husband and I used to love going downtown to support the wonderful local businesses. Not anymore. Seeing armed white supremacists wandering our streets and parks, menacing families and threatening those who speak up against their hatred has made us feel incredibly unsafe in our own community. I cannot believe that so little is being done to stop this, and that our leaders are not taking a decisive stand against it.

What once seemed like a city full of potential now feels like a cesspool of ignorance and hatred. I am no longer proud to live in Salem, but I believe that if we start right now - maybe we can turn things around in our community. We don't have a moment to lose.

I beg you to support the resolution to denounce white supremacy in Salem, and to begin taking the steps to address the many areas in which we are failing our Communities of Color. It is not enough to say that you support diversity - we must be clear, decisive and follow it with action: **DENOUNCE WHITE SUPREMACY IN SALEM.**

Thank you,

Marie Greene
Candalaria Neighborhood

From: [Rosie Norlander](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Denounce white supremacy
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:19:53 PM

Dear Mayor Bennet and Salem City Councilors,

When will the city of Salem denounce white supremacy? Racists behavior and speech have been occurring regularly in Salem and I urge the council to adopt a resolution condemning white supremacy.

Thank you,
Rosie Norlander

From: [Samantha Rutledge](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Today's meeting
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 5:03:40 PM

Good afternoon!

My name is Samantha Nielson, I have lived in Salem for 15 years now and it has become my home. I have been extremely ashamed, disappointed and outright frightened by acts from white supremacist in the community. I want to know when will the city of Salem condemn white supremacy?

Thank you for your time and may you have a wonderful rest of your week.

Much love,
Samantha