



San Francisco Democratic Party's Executive Committee Statement Denouncing White Supremacy and President Trump's Statements

The San Francisco Democratic County Party's Executive Committee strongly denounces the domestic terrorist acts and violence of white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 11-12. Hatred and racism are not welcome in San Francisco and should have no place in the United States.

The Executive Committee of the San Francisco Democratic Party rebukes the President's claims of equating peaceful anti-racist protestors with Neo-Nazis. We grieve the death of Heather Heyer, a peaceful demonstrator for justice, and for those injured because of the actions of white supremacists in Charlottesville. As our country mourns, it is yet another call to action that we all must do more in combating the plague of racism in our country. There is no time for complacency as there are not "many sides" to this. It was the actions of white supremacists that plowed their car through a group of concerned citizens exercising their right to counter-protest.

However, what is most troubling is that many white supremacists and Neo-Nazis feel emboldened by what took place in Charlottesville and affirmed by the President's remarks. Rallies organized by extremist groups are now being planned across the country, including here in San Francisco next weekend.

"We cannot let what happened in Charlottesville happen again. We call upon the National Parks service to revoke the permit it issued allowing a white supremacist group to rally at Crissy Field on August 26th," said David Campos, Chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party. "San Francisco is a City of tolerance that values diversity. The group's message of racism and hatred is not welcome in our City."

As we see the mobilizing forces of white supremacy emerge in San Francisco, it is important for us to keep our San Francisco Democratic values at heart. We must continue to create spaces of inclusion and realize that when Charlottesville becomes San Francisco we must stand with and protect our most vulnerable people. It is critical for us to start and continue conversations about race and privilege to further challenge and dismantle white supremacy.

Sadly, the racism, white supremacy, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and misogyny that fuel hate groups didn't start in Charlottesville, and it will not end unless all of us mobilize to dismantle these systems of oppression. Our nation needs leadership that promotes healing, unification, and transformation to live up to our values of respect, equality, diversity, and freedom.

This President does not speak for us, and never will. We condemn hatred, bigotry, and violence against the diverse people of our great city and our nation. We embrace action and hope, and we call upon all Democrats to work towards real solutions to dismantle white supremacy and promote restorative justice.

In solidarity,

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