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# Joint Statement on the November 29 Hate Incident at Gore Park: White Supremacy Has No Place in Hamilton

Hamilton, ON – The <u>Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC)</u>, the <u>Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI)</u>, the <u>Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre (HARRC)</u>, and the <u>Hamilton Anti-Hate Coalition (HAHC)</u> are once again compelled to speak out following a disturbing hate incident that took place at Gore Park on Saturday, November 29. The display of white supremacist messaging in one of our city's most visible public spaces is deeply alarming.

This incident follows a series of similar displays and acts of intimidation witnessed across Ontario, including a recent white nationalist rally in London, ON last week, and an anti-immigrant demonstration held in front of Jackson Square last November. HIPC condemned the incident in 2024, and we condemn this latest incident with equal urgency.

These are not spontaneous or isolated events. They are symptoms of white supremacy permeating and taking increasingly visible forms.

HIPC denounces racism, white supremacy, and fascism in all their forms. Together, we must remain vigilant, united, and committed to building an inclusive city where every resident – newcomer or long-time Hamiltonian – can live without fear.

Over the past year, we have publicly opposed hate-motivated intimidation, <u>challenged far-right organizing</u> <u>efforts</u> in Hamilton, and <u>advocated for stronger protections</u> for migrant and newcomer communities. Our work is rooted in the belief that all Hamiltonians, in particular newcomers to the community, deserve safety, dignity, and a sense of belonging.

We encourage all Hamiltonians to take action by using and sharing the following community resources:

- <u>The Hamilton Anti-Hate Toolkit and Belonging Pledge</u> offers practical tools to understand, prevent, and respond to hate, and to affirm our collective commitment to belonging.
- <u>The Hamilton for All Campaign</u> is a citywide public education campaign that amplifies newcomer voices and promotes public dialogue on inclusion, anti-racism, and shared community values.
- The Reporting Hate, Finding Support A Toolkit for Communities outlines some key building blocks to reporting and recording hate, while providing support to victims and communities in Canada.
- <u>The We're Better Together Campaign</u> aims to strengthen and reinforce a fair and welcoming immigration system that serves everyone in Canada.
- <u>The We Support Hamilton</u> is a community driven hate reporting tool to better understand hate incidents in the greater Hamilton area.

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#### **About HIPC**

The Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC) is a community table that brings together more than 30 local organizations that have a role to play in creating a welcoming community for newcomers to Canada. HIPC's Community Plan 2025-2028 has a vision for Hamilton as a welcoming community where newcomers have a positive settlement experience and feel a sense of belonging. HIPC is funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada and housed in the City of Hamilton's Economic Development Division.

#### About HCCI

The Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI) is a charitable organization driven by a mission to mobilize all Hamiltonians to create an inclusive and welcoming city. Founded in 2006, HCCI works through programming and advocacy to advance equity and combat oppression, amplify voices, and develop capacity for those most marginalized by civic institutions.

#### **About HARRC**

The Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre (HARRC) is committed to advancing education about race, racism, discrimination, racial equality, and anti-racist theory and practice in Hamilton. HARRC's mission is to actively resist and confront racism, discrimination, and oppression in Hamilton. HARRC does this by providing resources, education, advocacy, and support to individuals, institutions, and communities.

# **About HAHC**

The Hamilton Anti Hate Coalition (HAHC), a group formerly known as No Hate in the Hammer, is a coalition of individuals and organizations working together to be an effective tool for social change through education, collaboration, knowledge sharing, and advocacy.