

LONG ISLAND UNITY COLLABORATIVE

Date: _____

I, _____, agree with the following principles of unity and commit to taking action in my community (Hamlet) _____ in the Town of _____.

Principles of Unity

In the face of heightened racial and social tensions as a result of the 2016 election season and promises made by the current administration, we invite everyone on Long Island to come together and:

1. Support community members who are in pain and fear for their safety, dignity, and well-being.
2. Call on all local elected and appointed officials, including school administrators and law enforcement, to ensure that public institutions and their staff uphold the safety and dignity of ALL people, and to clearly and publicly state that harassment, bullying, and hateful acts will not be tolerated; they will be reported and prosecuted accordingly.
3. Commit to taking collective and coordinated action to support the leadership of our friends and neighbors who remain threatened by hateful rhetoric, particularly members of the Black community, those who are formerly-incarcerated, immigrants, individuals with disabilities, members of the Jewish, LGBTQ, and Muslim communities, other neighbors from South Asian and Arab communities, refugees, and women.
4. Commit to connect with and understand the life experiences of our fellow Long Islanders who are different from us, and recognize their perspective in order to ensure collective dignity and respect.

Long Island Unity Collaborative: Long Island Civic Engagement Table, Long Island Immigrant Student Advocates, Long Island Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Round Table, Make the Road New York, New York Civil Liberties Union Suffolk Chapter, Parent Leadership Initiative, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, and SEPA Mujer. And Locally: the NoFo/Riverhead Unity Town Hall Planning Committee made up of your neighbors on the North Fork and Riverhead.

Signature: _____

Email: _____

I would be interested in

- _____ Serving on a Unity Action Committee steering committee
- _____ Helping to keep the Committee informed about current events related to _____
- _____ Volunteering on an "as needed" basis
- _____ Receiving action alerts
- _____ Other _____

LONG ISLAND UNITY COLLABORATIVE ACTION STEPS

1. Start or join an existing Local Unity Action Committee in your Hamlet/Town.
2. Visit your local elected representatives and ask that they sign on to the Principles of Unity.
3. Visit your local school board meeting and present the Principles of Unity and ask them to sign on.
4. Visit the principal at your local school and ask him/her to sign on to the Principles of Unity.
5. Visit the Teachers' association/union for your school district and present the Principles of Unity and ask them to sign on and to hold a Unity Town Hall Meeting in their district.
6. Attend local police Precinct meetings and present the Principles of Unity and ask if the Inspector would be willing to sign on.
7. Write to the Suffolk County Police Commissioner and ask about signing on to the Principles of Unity.
8. Sign up for Trainings.
9. Visit your local, state &/or national representatives to advocate/hold them accountable.
10. Participate in vigils, rallies etc. in support of groups or issues.

If you have ideas for other steps, please contact one of the members of the Long Island Unity Collaborative to explore the possibilities and receive support:

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