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### **Statement in Advance of Planned Hate Rally**

“I commend and thank Governor Brown, Mayor Wheeler and Chair Kafoury for coming together with a cohesive plan to keep Oregonians safe this weekend. My constituents in North Portland have been very concerned about Saturday's planned event at Delta Park.

“Our communities are hurting. The lack of justice for Breonna Taylor is yet another wound, especially for our neighbors who have personally experienced systemic racism in their lives. I will continue working to reform unjust systems of power.

“This year has tested our collective will in unimaginable ways. But injuring others in anger will not bring about change. Nonviolent resistance is essential to bringing our country to a more perfect union. I encourage my fellow Portlanders to stay away from the hate rally on Saturday. Raise your voices elsewhere, speak of love and justice, and don't give them your energy.

“Let's make change together, but violence isn't the answer and has no place in our beloved state.”

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