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LATINO-JEWISH ALLIANCE LEADERS CALL ON CITY TO TAKE ACTION ON HATE!

MILWAUKEE, WI –

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Wisconsin are dismayed by the recent discovery of neo-Nazi and racist symbols on items owned by a contractor hired by the City of Milwaukee. We condemn all forms of hate, including hate based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender or gender identity. In a city that is among the most segregated in the country, we cannot allow hatred to go unchallenged. Rather, we must be united and uphold the dignity of all people in our diverse community.

We call on the City of Milwaukee to hold the contracting company accountable for their actions, including but not limited to a thorough review of the contract award, discharge of the employee, and the addition of language in future contracts to encourage employers to take proactive steps to ensure incidents such as these do not occur again.

As we work for the well-being of Milwaukee, it is incumbent upon us to build roads and buildings, but more importantly, to build a tolerant and respectful community.

The JCRC and LULAC Wisconsin look forward to continuing the dialogue with the city and allies in continuing to work towards this end.

About JCRC of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation:

Founded in 1938, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) advocates for the rights and values of Jews individually and collectively, here and abroad. The Council implements a coordinated program of education, action, and advocacy for the Jewish community. Learn more at <https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/departments/social-action/jcrc/>

About League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Wisconsin

The League of United Latin American Citizens is our nation's largest and oldest Hispanic membership based organization. In Wisconsin, LULAC continues to advocate for the rights of Hispanic Americans and immigrants, has donated almost 100,000 lbs. of meat to local food pantries, donated over \$1,000,000 in educational resources and technology to schools in need, implemented programs by which "at-risk" youth at a rate of over 99% are graduating high school and transitioning to college and much more. Learn more at www.lulacwisconsin.org.

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