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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Guilford:

We, as leaders in our community, condemn any and all expressions of hate speech, harassment, intimidation, and violence through actions or words. We affirm our commitment to promote the values we hold as inviolable truths: respect for the rights and dignity of others, kindness, and inclusion. We are a community open to civil discussion and a free exchange of ideas, but we will not stand for intolerance or threats of violence in any form.

Unethical behavior, such as anonymous communications and any threatening or intolerant behavior in any public forum are unacceptable in the Town of Guilford. Recent attacks against the Guilford Human Rights Commission (GHRC) and the Honorable Angela Robinson, retired Superior Court judge and Quinnipiac Law School professor, should not and will not be tolerated.

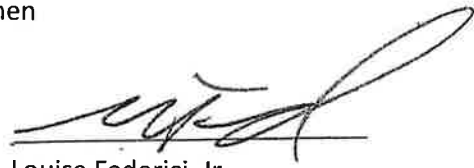
Acts of hate and discrimination are antithetical to our values as members of the Guilford community. We believe that bringing scholars and professionals to enlighten our community is crucial to allow each individual to form rational, personal opinions.

Guilford is a community that has historically worked together without toxicity, promoting change, and honest discourse. Neither can be reached without finding common ground among our citizens. Threats cannot and will not be tolerated in a respectable community. We urge all of Guilford's citizens to stand up in opposition to harassment and uphold our community values.

Guilford Board of Selectmen



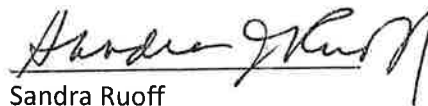
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