

Daniel Kohler, Statement for the record - November 9, 2020

Hate has no place in our city. When I came on council, one of my first goals was to eliminate the section 44 language from the city charter. I proposed the measure which ended up forming the Charter Review Committee. I am thankful for the committee and others who invested many months of arduous work into what was eventually submitted to the voters. I also wish to express my appreciation to the electorate of Keizer who voted to remove the hurtful language and make positive change possible.

If you recall, two work sessions ago, each of the department heads went through and presented all of the efforts that have been put in place to eliminate any practices that could be actual or perceived bias towards or against any people in Keizer. Our police chief has developed policies and procedures establishing our department into being a leader in preventative policing. We are doing great work in Keizer; we will continue to learn and evolve to ensure that all people of Keizer can fulfill the quest for the best life and liberty in pursuit of happiness.

To explain this a little more, I want this to be very clear; hate has no place in our Community, our State, the United States of America or the world.

Personally it is important for me to state, all Keizer residents, deserve to be treated with dignity, respect and afforded the opportunity to live their best lives. I herewith denounce any group or person that uses aggression, violence, bullying or intimidation; this has no place in Keizer. No one should be robbed of their freedom because of hateful actions. We must endeavor to eliminate all of those negative behaviors from our city and become an example of hope for our neighboring cities and beyond.