



'Hate Has No Home in Our Communities'

MHAction Statement on "Unite the Right" Rally Held in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12th, 2017

MHAction's Organizational Commitment to Fight For a Just and Equitable Society and to Fight Against All Forms of White Supremacy

MHAction does and will always operate from a place of love for our neighbors and justice for all. MHAction believes that hate has no home in our communities, and we are an explicitly anti-racist and anti-sexist organization. Our organization adopted the following organizational mission statement at a leadership retreat in November of 2014:

'MHAction empowers homeowners and residents in manufactured home communities to build and win local, state and national issue campaigns that strengthen the long-term viability and affordability of their communities. The work of MHAction is based on a set of core values, central to which are compassion for our neighbors and love of our communities. We believe that manufactured home communities play a key role in providing affordable, safe and accessible housing for all families, regardless of race, language, immigration status, class, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.'

At MHAction, we are deeply disturbed at the events that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12th, 2017. The "Unite The Right" Rally, organized by Nazis, the Klu Klux Klan and their sympathizers, was specifically designed to stoke racial resentment, hatred and discord thru violent means under the banner of white supremacy. Our hearts and prayers go out to the loved ones of Heather Heyer, who was killed when a white nationalist rammed his vehicle into a crowd of peaceful, anti-racism protesters.

We stand in opposition to white supremacists and those that organized and participated in this rally. We are opposed to the continued attempts of white supremacists to violently tear apart the fabric of our communities and our democracy.

We reject the ideology of white supremacy, and the defense of a false image of one universal, white, American culture that must be defended from non-white influence. We reject the belief that more rights for people of color must mean less rights for white people. Our nation and our democracy are stronger when all of us have the freedom to live full, joyful, loving lives and to fully contribute to our public sphere and political system without disrespect, intimidation or violence.

MHAction leaders and supporters hold political beliefs from across the party spectrum. Regardless of political party affiliation, we stand united in condemning white supremacists, anti-Islamists and anti-Semites and any group that calls for violence against oppressed peoples. White supremacy and religious hatred have no place in our democracy, and should be forcefully condemned by all of our leaders regardless of their political affiliation.

We stand fully committed as an organization to fight white supremacy in all of its forms, and we urge our political leaders to move beyond lip service and join us in doing so. This means speaking out when white supremacists threaten and attack members of our communities as they did in Charlottesville this weekend, and it means organizing against the systemic racism in our economic system, which has led to the current housing crisis and disinvestment from needed public infrastructure and services. Addressing systemic racism includes calling into question corporate community owners who operate in an economic system that derives its basis from racist systems of oppression. The system allows corporate landlords in the housing sector, including corporate, manufactured home community owners, to accumulate grotesque amounts of wealth thru predatory business practices. This, in turn, destroys the economic and retirement

security of thousands of manufactured home owners. We must unite to fight these forms of oppression for the sake of our loved ones, our communities and our country.

Our organizational mission provides a clear map for us and empowers our leadership team and staff to confront racists and white supremacists that seek to divide our communities. Our organizational mission statement provides a guide in terms of our work to push for public policy solutions that can guarantee equity and justice for all. MHAction stands fully committed to our organizational mission today and into the future

If you would like to share your thoughts with us as an organization, please do not hesitate to reach out to us by sending an email to info@mhaction.org. MHAction Core Team Leaders and MHAction staff members stand at the ready to respond to any queries.

Sincerely,

The MHAction Core Leadership Team and MHAction Staff