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Statement of Solidarity

(July 12, 2021) In the recent months, OC Public Health Officer Dr. Clayton Chau, OC Supervisor Katrina Foley, and their families faced acts of hate speech, threats, and intimidation at their homes. This comes after almost a year since the previous Public Health Officer resigned due to facing similar incidents at their home. The Orange County Human Relations Commission denounces this type of dreadful and hate-filled behavior against public employees doing their jobs.

The mission of the Orange County Human Relations Commission is to “seek out the causes of tension and conflict, discrimination and intolerance and attempt to eliminate those causes.” We believe in everyone is right to live free of racism, hate, discrimination, and bigotry not only in Orange County but beyond. These types of repugnant acts of hate speech and racism demonstrate the need to assess our past, acknowledge past instances of hate, intolerance, and racism and recommit to the promotion of tolerance, equity and condemning all types of hate.

As numerous communities continue to share stories about facing acts of hate, bias and discrimination, the Orange County Human Relations Commission commits to lifelong learning through anti-racist education, listening to all marginalized communities to understand the disparities that exist in Orange County, and finding ways to address issues within the Commission’s purview.

If you have been a victim or know someone who has been a victim of a hate incident, please call our confidential hotline 714-480-6580 or via our online portal at <https://www.ochumanrelations.org/hatecrime/report/>