

We write to express our outrage at the most recent hateful racist act in San Anselmo, this time involving the posting of white nationalist propaganda on our Memorial Park scoreboard.

This cowardly act, and the sentiment motivating it, are meant to create fear and intimidation within our community. As multi-year residents of San Anselmo, we know this action in no way represents the community at large. It is rather a shameful way of viewing and treating BIPOC members of our town by a few people who chose to act in the darkness of night.

It is also a reminder that these bigoted opinions still linger, whether or not we as a larger community acknowledge or support them. But our town does not welcome this hate.

We write today to ask for your active participation in repudiating this message and the harmful views it represents. It is through showing our collective voice - in support of all of our community members - that we stand loudly against such hate speech, and work to eliminate forms of prejudice that may be embedded among our neighbors.

We invite you to act — write your Town Council members, attend your town Racial Equity Committee monthly meetings, put up signs of support for our BIPOC community members, gather publicly to demonstrate your love and support, talk with your neighbors or children — or use any one of the many ways you know how to visibly, intentionally repudiate this hate and clearly state our community values of equity, inclusivity and mutual respect.

Together we can root out racism, bigotry and hate within our community - it is up to each of us to act.

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