

## JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING CONFRONTING HATE TOGETHER SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, MAY 30, 2024

After deep consideration and reflection, the Black Heritage Society of Washington State, the Washington State Jewish Historical Society, and the Wing Luke Museum have, in solidarity, agreed to proceed with the Confronting Hate Together exhibit. We will relaunch the exhibit with the goal of June 30, 2024 to make additions to the content by offering additional framing on its genesis, the initial public reaction, and the history of our communities working together.

The goal, when we began planning in early 2023, was to build an exhibit focused on the activism and responses to hate and discrimination taken by three communities, which historically overlap and intersect in their experiences living within the highly discriminatory Redline boundary of Seattle.

We remain committed to the exhibit's core message of confronting hate. We acknowledge the complexity of this deeply challenging work. We understand that the bigotry, bias, and racism that affects our communities goes well beyond us to touch many. Though recent events have caused significant harm, we are undeterred. We are open to learn from each other, hear each other's stories, and strive toward a world with no hate. By acknowledging the complexity of this work, the intent was and is to encourage others to have open, inclusive conversations that come from our understanding and empathy for one another.

The Wing Luke Museum is making plans to reopen operations. We ask for grace and understanding as we navigate this process to move forward with the Confronting Hate Together exhibit.





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