



### **Plymouth No Place for Hate Committee Response to a neo-Nazi group**

Late last week, residents in several Plymouth neighborhoods awoke to find hate filled leaflets near their homes. The leaflets were left by the National Social Club (NSC), a neo-Nazi white nationalist group, and called for new members to join them in taking “action” against non-white populations whom they called “enemies of the people”.

The leaflets have raised widespread concern and anxiety. The NSC is a rapidly growing hate group in Massachusetts that has been behind a wave of racist, antisemitic, anti-immigrant and anti-LGBTQ demonstrations, attacks and vandalism. Their strategy is to intimidate and create fear among groups they hate. And their work often begins by distributing the kinds of propaganda that we have just seen in Plymouth

The Plymouth No Place for Hate Committee condemns the NSC’s ideology and activities in the strongest possible terms. It is morally appalling and potentially dangerous. Hate groups are not welcome in Plymouth. In the face of this threat, the No Place for Hate Committee pledges to uphold our town’s guiding principle that “we are a community that is inclusive, collaborative and promotes diversity. Recognizing that we are different, and that is healthy and productive”.

We will work with all branches of the Town Government to ensure that all Plymouth residents feel safe and welcome. We expect that the Police Department will monitor the situation closely, taking necessary measures to protect groups that might be targeted, including the Jewish, Indigenous, Black, Latino, immigrant and LGBTQ communities. And we respectfully ask that the Select Board condemns the NSC and its recent activities in Plymouth, and that it reaffirms our town’s commitment to embrace the richness of our differences.

Going forward, it is important that all of us remain vigilant and report any suspicious or threatening activities of this, or any other, hate group to the Police. Above all, we must continue to strive to be a better community by genuinely welcoming, respecting and protecting all Plymouth residents.

The Plymouth No Place for Hate Committee,

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