We believe that our communities are for everyone and are committed to fostering communities where all residents can live, work, and play free from fear, intimidation, and violence. We are deeply saddened and concerned that members of our communities were subjected to hateful violence at Hamilton Pride on Saturday June 15th.

We pledge our solidarity with the 2SLGBTQ+ community targeted by hate at Hamilton Pride. An attack against any minority is a threat to our communities. The Business Improvement Areas in Hamilton stand against hate. We stand with those who are the targets of hate. As Business Improvement Areas, we pledge to protect the rights of communities that are most vulnerable. We affirm our shared commitment to building and defending communities throughout Hamilton where residents and visitors feel welcome and included.

The Business Improvement Areas will continue to work within their respected communities - and work together across Hamilton - to make our city a place where our aspirations for respect, inclusion, and peace have become a reality.

The Business Improvement Areas of Hamilton: Ancaster BIA Barton Village BIA Concession Street BIA Downtown Dundas BIA Downtown Hamilton BIA International Village BIA King Street West BIA Locke Street BIA Main West Esplanade BIA Ottawa Street BIA Stoney Creek BIA Waterdown BIA Westdale Village BIA

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