



## **Progressive Cheverly Statement on the Events in Charlottesville September 7, 2017**

On August 12th, white supremacy and anti-semitism took center stage as the KKK, neo-nazis, and the so-called alt-right came together in Charlottesville to make common cause.

Progressive Cheverly condemns their brand of hate, racism, antisemitism, violence, anti-immigrant fear-mongering and authoritarianism as antithetical to our organization's principles and in contradiction to the professed values that this country was founded upon and strives to achieve. And we condemn the actions of our President, who outrageously, but sadly not surprisingly, refused to fully denounce either their words or their actions, and now wants to end DACA and deport 800,000 "dreamers" for whom America is the only home they've known.

We must continue to peacefully confront the pathologies of hatred and fear in all settings. But that is not enough. We must also strive to understand the ways that our laws and policies, coupled with racist ideologies and cultural attitudes have combined to perpetuate inequality and discrimination in our society. And we must work together to change those structures in our society that keep us apart and drag us down.

Tonight's forum on re-entry, which will be introduced by Kurt Stand in a few moments is just one example of how society's rules adversely affect people in our own community and perpetuate injustice and institutional racism in our society. In future events, Progressive Cheverly will continue to look at other aspects of how racism is continually affecting our community.

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