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Boston Human Rights Commission Statement
We Stand Against Hate in the City of Boston

The Boston Human Rights Commission condemns the actions of the neo-fascist organization that marched through the streets of Boston on July 3, 2022 to intimidate our City's residents and visitors; to incite hate; and to spread racist, homophobic, xenophobic, and antidemocratic propaganda under the guise of militant patriotism. In the United States, patriots of any kind who wish to express their opinions on matters of government, do not need to hide their identities under facemasks, hats, shields, and sunglasses; similarly, no amount of military music and syncopated march can hide the goal of neo-fascist organizations: the destruction of our democracy and the rule by fear.

The Boston Human Rights Commission stands ready to confront any attempts by national or local organizations to intimidate the City's residents and guests, to propagate hate among us, and to attack our democratic system of government. The Commission pledges to use every tool at its disposal to identify and investigate such incidents and to share its findings with the appropriate authorities, elected officials, institutions, organizations, and residents of Boston.