



City of South Haven

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An Open Letter from Mayor Annie Brown:

In the past several days, our region has been the target of two racist incidents designed to intimidate members of certain ethnic and religious communities. One has occurred within South Haven and one just beyond our borders. Both have been referred to law enforcement agencies for further investigation.

A suspect who is not from our community has been identified in the first incident, which involved the distribution of anti-Semitic flyers in South Haven and South Haven Township. Our police department led this investigation, which has been turned over to the prosecutor, who is considering charges. The investigation into the second incident, which involved an anti-Black display in a neighboring township, is currently ongoing.

Let us be very clear: Hate has no place in South Haven. Hate will not be tolerated here.

We are a diverse and open community, welcoming to all. These incidents are unacceptable, and we condemn them in the strongest terms. We support the efforts of local and county law enforcement to investigate these reprehensible acts swiftly and thoroughly so those behind these crimes can be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. We call on the county prosecutor to review the evidence and to bring appropriate legal charges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annie Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Annie Brown
Mayor, City of South Haven