

Mayor Wood & Council Members -

I am Megan Lombardo, Salida resident. My family and I live at the corner of 4th and C in Salida.

Since June, we've experienced at least 5 separate acts of vandalism, property damage, property theft, and intimidation. The most recent event occurred when someone came to our home with a drill and a torx bit, and stole a 2.5 ft x 5 ft wooden painting that was hanging on our fence. The sign was of an Italian peace flag, with rainbow stripes and the word PACE (pah - chay) in the center. It was then illegally dumped into the Arkansas River where I recovered it 5 days later, caught on some rocks in the middle of the flow, just upstream from the Two Rivers development.

As our home continues to bear the brunt of damage, and our family continues to wake up worried for our safety, local social media outlets continue to be a host for violent threats, racist diatribes, and fear-based accusations. Recently, posts obtained from the local Facebook group "Chaffee County Patriots" have threatened outright, with a quote "call to arms" unquote, anyone who has a black lives matter sign hanging on their property. A commenter on that post calls us quote "perfect targets" unquote. Please refer to the attached images in your Packet for more details.

I am the chairperson of our newly formed local Chapter of Showing Up For Racial Justice, Central Colorado SURJ. SURJ is a national network of groups and individuals working to undermine white supremacy through racial justice. As an affiliated Chapter of SURJ, Central Colorado SURJ receives National training and education on how to lead predominantly white communities, like Salida, into becoming anti-racist communities.

Drawing from SURJ guidance and values, I'm requesting a statement from Salida City Council in support of racial justice, anti-racism, and equal rights for all Black and non-Black People of Color, members of the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants and migrant workers, and all other marginalized populations in our community. I am asking that you invite our community into the work of racial justice and anti-racism. Create opportunities for dialogue and discussion around issues of white supremacy and race. Hold yourselves accountable to Black and non-Black POC by committing to anti-racism training and education within the City government structure. Make a statement - any statement - and when you make a mistake or misstep, keep going. Commit to continuing the work even as you get it wrong. Finally, speak the truth - that racism is intersectional, and the entire human race is damaged by white supremacy. Make a clear statement that the City of Salida does not endorse or support any acts of violence - in our neighborhoods, our places of worship, our protests or rallies, in our outdoor spaces, our law enforcement departments, or in our homes.

Civil Rights leader Angela Davis said "...it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist". Anti-racism is active. Our silence is a perpetuation of violence. If we are not speaking up for what we believe in, we are part of the problem. Make a proclamation, stand firmly within it, and then let's get to work together changing our community.

Thank you.



Chaffee County Patriots



Rick Bohlken ▶ Chaffee County Patriots



1 hr ·



James Brian Rivers

August 19 at 12:04 AM ·



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Carle Linke

I see a few blm signs in yards and think those people are probably not protected (armed) and thinking police they want to defund will protect them from the same terrorist they support. perfect targets

10 mins

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Founding Members · 16h

Anybody heard of a Chaffee County "anti racist anti fascist" group set up to counter this group? Hearing rumors of a counter demonstration.



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15 Comments



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I haven't heard of such a group, but somehow it doesn't surprise me that there would be such a group.

Like · Reply · 16h



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Probably led by John Elliot. Major Antifa sponsor. I hate that guy.

Like · Reply · 16h



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Please keep us updated on any information. Thank you.

Like · Reply · 15h



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So it could get interesting!????? 🤔

Like · Reply · 14h



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🦅 It's bound to happen sooner or later . When it does we patriots will abide by the laws of the land and let the crybaby Dems incriminate them selves !! 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

Like · Reply · 13h



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We obey laws of God and Country. Be ready to Film everything

Like · Reply · 12h



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Ping me ASAP if you here anything!! ALL IN-against ANTIFA!! 🇺🇸🦅🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

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★ Eyes and ears open.

Like · Reply · 11h



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[Redacted] Eyes and ears open.
Like · Reply · 11h 4

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[Redacted] Surely you've figured it out 😏
Like · Reply · 11h

[Redacted] If anyone wants to check out John Elliot bar in Denver it's called streets of London. total antifa hang out
Like · Reply · 10h 2

[Redacted] Good lord I hope so, I would love to see a bunch of them. To show people how idiot's act and how the public deals with dumb asses.
Like · Reply · 7h 3



Like · Reply · 57m

[Redacted] Reply 9m

[Redacted] Like I've said b4; early Gun season, no tag, no bag limit. I've heard Antifa Pelts are going for more than nice bear pelts!!!
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