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Statement of the Human Rights Commission:

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Four years ago, white supremacists marched through our city, bringing with them vitriol and violence. Today, the Charlottesville Human Rights Commission remembers the victims injured and killed on August 11 and 12, 2017. We also recall and honor the many acts of bravery by Charlottesville activists who refused to cede our streets to the violent white supremacists that weekend. And we recognize and honor the many Black and brown residents who have worked for racial justice before, during and after the summer of 2017.

The Human Rights Commission believes that the best way to honor the victims and activists of that weekend is to push Charlottesville to become the equitable, racially just City that we envision. On this day, we reaffirm our commitment to enacting policies and practices that move our community closer to that vision. We call upon the City to view all its decisions, including the enactment of zoning laws and the creation of a budget, through a lens of equity and racial justice.

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