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Orange County Legislators Condemn KKK Activity in Huntington Beach

Senators Dave Min, Tom Umberg and Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris speak out ahead of KKK-promoted “White Lives Matter” march this weekend

ORANGE COUNTY, CA — Three key California State Legislators representing Huntington Beach spoke out today to condemn a [Ku Klux Klan-promoted “White Lives Matter” rally this weekend in Huntington Beach](#), as well as reports of KKK flyers distributed in [Newport Beach](#) and [Huntington Beach](#) in recent weeks. **Senators Dave Min (D-Irvine)** and **Tom Umberg (D-Orange County)** and **Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Newport Beach)** released the following statement:

“We unequivocally condemn white nationalism and the racist ideology promoted by the Ku Klux Klan. While we acknowledge the rights of all Americans — even the vilest racists out there — to express their opinions, we want to loudly and clearly state that the views expressed by the KKK and other white nationalist groups do not reflect the views of Orange County’s residents or elected officials.

“Our rich diversity makes Orange County and Huntington Beach stronger and better. We join the Huntington Beach City Council in condemning white supremacy and applaud it for planning a series of pro-diversity events to counter the disgusting message being promoted by the KKK and other organizers of the White Lives Matter rally this weekend.”

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Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris represents California’s 74th District including Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Costa Mesa, Laguna Woods and parts of Irvine and Huntington Beach. She is the Chair of the Accountability and Administrative Review Committee and a member of Banking and Finance Committee; Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee; Revenue & Taxation Committee and Veterans Committee. After working her way through Yale University, where she double majored in Economics and English, Cottie had a successful 20-

year career in finance and technology. She helped to build businesses and led teams at Fortune 500 corporations, small companies and start-ups. Cottie lives in Laguna Beach with her husband, Colin, their two sons, Dylan and Hayden, and their rescue dog, Flounder. Follow the Assemblywoman on Twitter <https://twitter.com/AsmCottie> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AssemblywomanCPN>.