



The African American women's support group "Sisterhood" is building new connections in the community.

## Stay Clean Summer Celebration

A support group for African American women is inviting the public to their first annual "Stay Clean" celebration marking the end of summer.

Called Strength in Sisters to Empower Recover Health Openness Opportunity Dedication (SISTERHOOD), the group is holding the open-to-the-public event on Saturday, Sept. 29,

from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at their headquarters at 2601 S.E.160th Ave., near Division Street.

The group focuses on creating a safe and welcoming environment for sisters to talk or seek solace, building supportive relationships, community involvement and leadership. Activities like social gatherings and events are held every Tues-

day and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the organization's southeast Portland headquarters.

Food, fun, music, and mingling are on the agenda for the Saturday's free event, which is designed to establish community connections with members of the public who want to know more about the organization.

## United Against Hate

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been a "groundswell" of protest groups locally, who often end up inciting violence at their demonstrations.

The sheriff said he's received some criticism for the statement's commitment to fight discrimination against undocumented immigrants, but called the complaints unwarranted.

"Deputy's job is not to enforce immigration laws. The enforcement is at the federal level," Atkins said.

While he said enforcing laws broken on the local level, regardless of immigration status, will always be upheld, to enforce federal immigration policy, regardless of its legitimacy or lack thereof, is simply against the law.

As for the former sheriff deputy who was associated with a hate group, Erin Willey, Atkins said her affiliation slipped through the agency's background check.

"It was an eye-opener for me to have somebody from inside my agency have an affiliation," Atkins said.

Willey was spotted on social

media wearing a shirt with the logo of the Proud Boys, a far-right group that has propagated sexist, Islamophobic, and racist rhetoric and its recognized by the Southern Poverty Law Center has a designated hate group that formed in 2016.

When the post was brought to Atkins' attention by local media, it spurred an investigation and eventual firing of Willey.

"It lessens the people's trust factor in an, agency like mine to uphold the law, to be associated...with people that are clearly trying to push the law to its edge and break the law out there in the community and cause hate and discontent. That goes against the character of this agency."

Southwest Washington LULAC and Vancouver NAACP are both groups that Atkins said he's met with in the past and hopes to continue to stay connected. Their joint statement expressed appreciation of local law enforcement improving communications with its community.

The letter also called for more thorough enforcement of hate-crime laws and legislative action to make such laws stronger.

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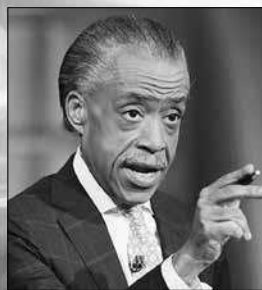
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