

The logo for Long Island Advocates for Police Accountability (LIAFPA) is centered at the top. It consists of a black rectangle with the words "LONG ISLAND ADVOCATES" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the word "FOR" is written in a smaller, italicized, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the rectangle, the words "POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY" are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

LONG ISLAND ADVOCATES FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

ADVISORY

Long Island Advocates for Police Accountability (LIAFPA)

Contact: Fred Brewington (516) 489-6959 and Tracey Edwards (516) 318-4562

WHO: LIAFPA and allied organizations

WHEN: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

WHERE: Centerport United Methodist Church, Pastor - Rev. Roy Grubbs

97 Little Neck Road, Centerport, NY, 11721, Phone: 631-261-5222

Diverse, Multi-Racial, Multi-Religious, Multi-Orientation, Bipartisan Collective

From Suffolk and Nassau Counties Denounces

Hate on Long Island and Signs The People's Public Proclamation Against Hate

On Thursday, December 16, 2021, the Long Island Advocates for Police Accountability (LIAFPA) and its allies representing Black, Brown, Asian, disabled, LGBTQ+ and faith-based organizations on Long Island will hold a Press Event and Rally at 11:00 A.M. at the Centerport United Methodist Church, 97 Little Neck Road, Centerport, NY, 11721 to denounce recent hate, bigotry and bias which has been marked by crimes and violent acts on Long Island. At the Press Event and Rally, we anticipate that community leaders, religious leaders, and a bipartisan group of elected officials from both Nassau and Suffolk Counties will sign on to The People's Public Proclamation Against Hate and commit to the message that ***"Hate has no place here!"*** in both word and deed.

The People's Proclamation Against Hate will bring together a wide range of community leaders, religious leaders, and elected officials from diverse backgrounds, belief systems, life experiences and political parties to agree upon a baseline set of values to combat the rise of bias events, crimes and violence stemming from hatred, prejudice, racism and bigotry. The uptick in recent acts of bigotry and hate crimes, as well as incidents that are intended to separate us all is simply undeniable and has been widely covered in local media outlets, including Newsday. Recently, we have witnessed:

- On November 28, 2021, the so-called "Proud Boys", an organization designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Centre and an extremist group with ties to white nationalists by the FBI, marched through Rockville Centre flashing white power hand signals and Nazi salutes. [Available here.](#)
- In December 2021, Robert Fehring of Bayport was arrested for sending over 60 letters to LGBTQ+ individuals, organizations, and leaders threatening violence against community members that would make the 2016 Orlando Pulse Nightclub attack "look like a cakewalk" in comparison. He compared gay men to animals. [Available here.](#)

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- In November 2021, Andrew Niemir of Floral Park was arrested for defacing a Muslim-owned shop with derogatory graffiti. [Available here.](#)
- In November 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation banning the display of hate symbols on public property after confederate flags were discovered at Brookhaven and Levittown Fire Departments. [Available here.](#)
- In November 2021, a noose was discovered at a work site in Hewlett shared by PSEG Long Island and National Grid. This is the second noose discovered at a PSEG facility. [Available here.](#)
- In October 2021, a noose was found at a Babylon Town senior center. [Available here.](#)
- In October 2021, Christopher Cella of Suffolk County confessed to luring Hispanic workers into his vehicle and beating them because he “hated illegal Spanish people.” [Available here.](#)
- In October 2021, an actor at the John W. Engeman Theater in Northport was called the N-word in between shows. [Available here.](#)
- In September 2021, a swastika and other racist graffiti was discovered on a Mount Sinai street. [Available here.](#)
- In August 2021, Masjid Faizan-e-Aisha, a Hicksville Mosque, was vandalized by an assailant dumping garbage and human feces on the premises. [Available here.](#)
- In August 2021, Hunter McElrath of Nassau County ransacked Jewish houses of worship in Long Beach. [Available here.](#)
- In August 2021, a swastika was found etched into Northport playground equipment. [Available here.](#)
- On April 20, 2021 in the early morning hours Mr. Kyrin Taylor came into the tool room of his employer Cooper Power & Lighting, 39 Central Avenue, Farmingdale, New York, he was shocked to see a noose, placed by his co-workers, hanging in the area which he must frequent on a daily basis. <https://www.cnn.com/2021/04/27/us/long-island-noose-black-electrician/index.html>

A draft of the People’s Public Proclamation Against Hate is forthcoming. Co-Sponsoring and participating individuals, Churches and organizations should contact Fred Brewington or Tracey Edwards for more information.

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