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Statement Regarding Posters Found in Old Town

Issued by: Mayor Andy Schor;
Melissa Jeffries and Larry Leatherwood, Lansing Diversity Commission Co-Chairs;
Lorenzo Lopez; and Old Town Commercial Association

Lansing is a diverse city and we are proud of that. We welcome everyone, and are excited that people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and any other distinguishing characteristic contribute to our great city. Refugees and immigrants are certainly welcome and important to Lansing's character, economy, and future.

The flyers that have shown up in Old Town are not representative of Lansing residents. Any person is certainly entitled to their First Amendment rights to free speech, but discrimination against those who are different is not who we are and is not representative of the people of Lansing. There is a clear distinction between free speech and behavior that is intended to harass, intimidate, and precipitate hate crimes. We will not stand for hate crimes or harassment and will take appropriate action if anything like this happens in Lansing.

Any of these flyers that appear on public infrastructure, including poles or light posts or any other city property, will be taken down as soon as we find out about them. Anybody caught putting these on any public infrastructure will be cited and ticketed as violating ordinance. Anyone found placing these on private property can be cited for trespassing if the owner chooses.

Lansing's time is now, and as we grow Lansing we will do it together as a city. We will leave no one behind, and everyone will work together to move Lansing forward!

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