



# City of Lawrence

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August 15, 2017

Michael Signer  
Mayor  
City of Charlottesville  
605 E. Main Street  
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Dear Mayor Signer:

I wish to send thoughts and condolences on behalf of the City of Lawrence, Kansas as your community heals from the hateful demonstrations, senseless violence, and domestic terrorism of the weekend of August 11, 2017. The act of domestic terrorism that occurred on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> was an act of cowardice fueled by hatred and intolerance. We offer sympathy for those who were injured as part of this past weekend and we mourn the deaths of Heather Hayer and Virginia State Police Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen and Trooper Berke M.M. Bates.

As a community, we value all citizens regardless of their race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity, or familial status. Empathy and tolerance are core values that we hold in our hearts and minds. We value civil discourse and we reject any, and all forms of hatred and bigotry.

Sincerely,

Leslie Soden  
Mayor

