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County, City issue joint statement on antisemitic fliers

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon, speaking on the behalf of himself, the County Commission, and Greene County, and Mayor Ken McClure, speaking on the behalf of himself, the City of Springfield and City Council, issued the following joint statement:

“We strongly condemn the message and intent of the fliers found on numerous doors across central Springfield on Christmas Day, linking our Jewish neighbors to a supposed COVID-19 ‘Agenda.’

Ignorance and bigotry in all forms must be called out for what it is so that hatred does not infect our good community. Springfield and Greene County is and should be a community where all are included and valued, and where love and neighborly care prevail.

We strongly encourage those behind the distribution and sentiment to consider the error of their way and reflect on finding the better path of inclusion and loving their neighbor as themselves.

We proudly join together in condemning in the strongest possible terms the message conveyed by these fliers. There is absolutely no place for this type of behavior or attitude in Springfield or Greene County. This is not who we are.

We respect and applaud our Jewish neighbors for the strong contributions they make to our community on a daily basis.

We apologize to them for these inappropriate actions and thank them for their strong heritage of faith and for being part of our community.”

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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