

## Aurora Mourns, Comes Together



Lighted candles line a sidewalk at a makeshift memorial for the shooting victims. Photo: David Zalubowski/AP

suspected shooter James Holmes opened fire on a full audience at a showing of the new Batman movie, *The Dark Knight Rises*. The site quickly filled with flowers, candles, and other gifts as streams of people came to pay their respects to the 12 deceased and 58 wounded in the July 20 shooting.

"It's the acts of kindness and compassion, bravery and selflessness that defines who we are," Mayor Steve Hogan said. "Our hearts are broken. Our community is not."

[Read more about Aurora's efforts to build support.](#)

## Fronteras Broadcasts 5-Part Series About Hate Crime Solutions This Week

Our public media partners at [Fronteras](#) are broadcasting a 5-part series this week on Not In Our Town themes. The series look at how hate affects communities throughout the Southwest and what people like you are doing about it.

[Read more about the Frontera series here.](#)



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### Urgent Update

As we were finishing up this eNews, we received a note on Facebook from a concerned citizen in Nebraska regarding this horrific hate crime. We will be following the story on [NIOT.org](#) and [Facebook.com/NotInOurTown](#).

# Hate Incidents



*On June 15, a noose was discovered hanging from a football field goal post at Davis High School. Photo: Winfred Roberson/DJUSD*

The college town of Davis, Calif. won't let three recent hate incidents divide them. Instead, they are using the opportunity to unite.

The community is directing its energy creatively, literally coming together to produce a video collage titled "Speak Out for Tolerance" in response to the recent city hate incidents.

"We have really tried to turn these unfortunate incidents into an opportunity for greater dialogue and inclusiveness, so that we will be recognized for

our values of friendship, rather than hate," Human Relations Commission Vice-Chair Craig Blomberg said.

[Read more about the Davis hate incidents and responses here on the NIOT blog.](#)

## From Billings, MT: Join Me in Supporting Not In Our Town

My name is Eran Thompson; I serve as Board Chairman for Not In Our Town Billings. The story of my community's stand against hate was the spark for the worldwide movement that is Not In Our Town.



Like me, you have seen the undeniable power of the human spirit when ordinary people come together to stop hate. The way that the Billings story inspired your community, your story and the story of your communities-inspires us. It's how the story of me and the story of you, becomes the story of us.

Thanks to Not In Our Town, we have a tool to help us spread and share that story. I pledge to do all that I can to help grow that story of us.

[Learn what Eran pledges to do to expand the NIOT movement and how to support our work.](#)

