

**NOT  
IN OUR  
TOWN**

LIGHT IN THE  
DARKNESS

What would you do if one of your neighbors was killed in a hate crime? A community works to repair their world after attacks on local immigrants. [MORE ABOUT THIS FILM: WWW.NIOT.ORG >](http://WWW.NIOT.ORG)

Hello Not In Our Town community,

Following the broadcast of our new film *Light in the Darkness* on PBS starting Sept. 21, we've seen an incredible wave of activity as communities across the country have organized discussions of the film. The collaborations between public media, law enforcement, libraries, schools, and community organizations to spark discussions about standing up to hate have been inspiring.

If you haven't yet hosted a screening event in your community, please [get in touch with us about doing so](#). Many people have been inspired by watching the film to share and discuss it in their communities, and the [DVD](#) and [resources](#) are still available. The entire film may now be [streamed online at PBS](#).

If you have done a screening, please remember to send in your evaluations. Also, we want to tell the stories about your events, collaborations, discussions, and follow-up initiatives. Actions you've taken may inspire people looking for steps they can take where they are.

As always, thank you for helping us stop hate. Together.

The Not In Our Town team

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We hope that *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness* will inspire thousands of people to take action to stand up to hate in their communities.

The film tries to achieve that goal by making space for discussions about all the underlying issues that give rise to hate and hate crimes. What did you think of the film? How can you use it as a tool in your community? [Talk about it.](#)

**More news:**

[Immigration Group Screens Light in the Darkness in Silicon Valley](#)

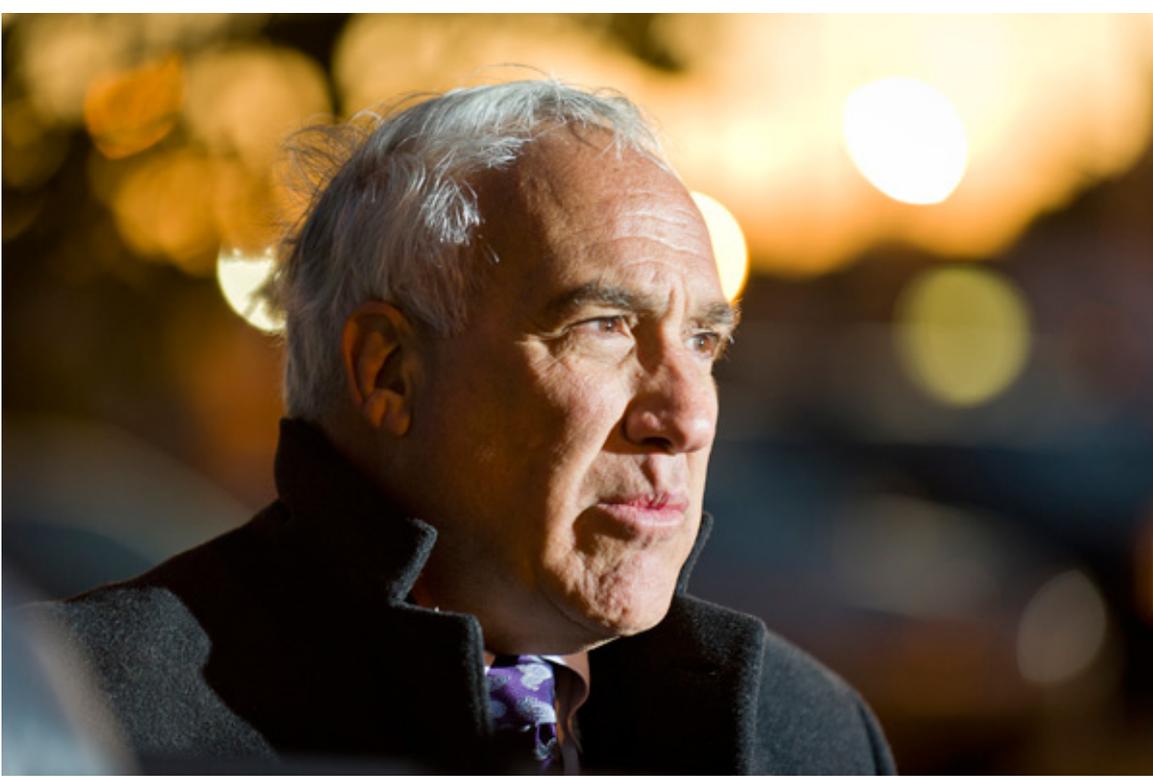
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## Short film features Patchogue, N.Y. Mayor Paul Pontieri

Patchogue, New York Mayor Paul Pontieri reflects on his family's history of immigration, his love of his hometown, and how his life has influenced his policy of inclusion for all Patchogue residents.

Visit our blog to view the [web video extra](#). You can also find other short videos from *Light in the Darkness* footage [here](#).

## San Francisco Proclaims Sept. 21 Not In Our Town Day

On Sept. 21--the day our film, [Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness](#) premiered on PBS--San Francisco declared it Not In Our Town Day.

The proclamation, signed by San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee, was presented to Not In Our Town Executive Director Jonathan Bernstein at a special Human Rights Commission meeting. The City and County of San Francisco's Human Rights Commission had called the meeting to explore hate crime trends and anti-bullying efforts.

To read the full story, [visit our blog](#).



## Light in the Darkness: The Trial & Extended Interviews

Our film, *Light in the Darkness*, focuses on Patchogue, N.Y.



following the hate crime killing of local immigrant Marcelo Lucero in 2008. Seven local teenagers from Patchogue-Medford High School were arrested for the attack--one was charged with murder, the other six were charged with gang assault and conspiracy.

The crime, trial and other legal actions

Jeffrey Conroy's Defense Attorney William Keahon speaking to the press after the trial.

gained national media attention. On the [Light in the Darkness: Legal Actions page](#), you can read about the tense climate for immigrants in Suffolk County, beginning nearly a decade before Marcelo Lucero's death; the trial of Jeffrey Conroy; and find extended interviews with Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas J. Spota and prosecutor, Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Megan O'Donnell.



Extended interview with prosecutor and Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Megan O'Donnell

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