



Not In Our Town Heads to Chicago

Free film screening and panel discussion February 25th



A Prosecutor's Stand



Waking in Oak Creek

See both films and meet the filmmakers in Chicago!

Join us for a FREE film screening and panel discussion - featuring inspiring stories of communities standing up to hate - on February 25th at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago!

Beginning at 5:30 pm, we'll be showing two of our films, *Waking in Oak Creek* and *A Prosecutor's Stand*, followed by a panel discussion led by filmmaker Patrice O'Neill, featuring Sikh and community leaders from Oak Creek and Chicago.

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We're Hiring!



[RSVP via Eventbrite](#). Space is limited so please respond by February 20th!

Police-Community Dialogue Kicks Off in Bloomington-Normal, IL

More than 100 attend community forum to find solutions.



Photo courtesy of Mike Matejka

The [Breaking Barriers](#) series kicked off in Bloomington-Normal, IL in January, with the first of several forums to address problems of racism in the Twin Cities. The event was sponsored by Not In Our Town Bloomington-Normal group and the local NAACP, among others.

"Whether racism is real or perceived is a problem that needs to be talked about," said McLean County Sheriff Jon Sandage. "And we're taking a positive step here in our community."

[Read the rest of the story at NIOT.org.](#)

Hundreds Rally Behind Black Family

We're looking for talented people to help us continue to transform communities across the country through filmmaking and impactful community engagement.

Check out the latest job postings at [NIOT.org](#) - including listings for a **Director of Development and Communications Director** - and consider joining our team today!

Learn more about these opportunities and how to apply: niot.org/jobs

After Firebombing

Community supports victims of apparent hate crime.



*Photo by Brad Graverson.
Via the Daily Breeze.*

The California city of Manhattan Beach came together Friday night to support a local black family whose home was firebombed last week in an apparent hate crime.

Hundreds filled the town plaza with candles and chants of peace, sending a strong message to the suspected perpetrators that there is no

place for hate in their city.

Ron Clinton, whose home was targeted, said, "When it happens to one of us, it happens to all of us."

[We're following this story, as it develops, at NIOT.org.](#)

We Need to Name Hate to Prevent it From Spreading

by Patrice O'Neill, CEO of The Working Group/Not In Our Town



VIDEO:

[Oakland High stands up for Sasha](#)

The *New York Times* magazine story, "The Fire on the 57 Bus in Oakland," - about Sasha Fleischman, an agender teen who was set on fire for wearing a skirt in November 2013 by Richard Thomas, a 16-year-old high school student-was a moving portrayal of the tragic consequences of hate and "otherness" faced by both of

these young people, their families, our community of Oakland, and all people who are targeted because they are different. The story deftly outlines the complexities and challenges of charging youth offenders, but it also reminds us of the continued need for hate crime laws in this country and the naming of bias as a motive in these kinds of devastating attacks.

[Read the rest of Patrice's response at NIOT.org.](#)

