



Rally for Sikh Man Attacked in Illinois

Federal hate crime charges brought against assailant



A "Take on Hate" rally was held in a Chicago suburb today to support Sikh American Inderjit Singh Mukker, who was dragged from his car and brutally beaten in a hate crime attack last week.

In addition to being physically beaten, Mukker faced an onslaught of racial slurs from his attacker - who was a minor - including "Bin Laden" and "Terrorist." The Sikh Coalition held the rally in Darien, IL for Mukker and his family - and to applaud the federal hate crime charges which were brought against the assailant this morning.

[Learn more about the story here.](#)

Not In Our Town Event at Google

Google employees learn about movement to end hate and bullying



NIOT's Patrice O'Neill with Google's Allan Thygesen and Annie Hsu

Not In Our Town was proud to screen our film, *Waking in Oak Creek*, to a packed hall at Google headquarters last week, in partnership with Google's Diversity Committee.

The viewing was followed by a fireside chat between Google's Vice President for Global Business, Allan Thygesen, and our very own Patrice O'Neill.

In attendance were also Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel, Los Altos Police Chief Tuck Younis, Palo Alto Police Chief Dennis Burns, Palo Alto School Board President Melissa Baten Caswell, and Paul Bains, Police Chaplain for Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Mountain View.

Thanks to Googler Annie Hsu, a NIOT board member, for helping organize the event, and to Google's Mary Hamershock and Colleen Ryan for convening!

Returning to Charleston

The **Not In Our Town** film team will return to Charleston,



Resources for Hate Crimes Against Transgender People



According to a report by [Fusion](#), at least 20 transgender women, most of them women of color, have been killed in the United States this year.

To assist law enforcement in handling and speaking about these hate crimes, **Not In Our Town** is putting together a new resource page specifically around hate crimes targeting transgender people.



NIOT continues to follow how the community in Charleston is rebuilding

South Carolina later this month to document how the community continues to respond to the horrific hate crime attack at Mother Emanuel AME Church.

Check niot.org/cops for more soon.

Our crew will speak with families of the victims, community members, faith, civic leaders and law enforcement still working to heal three months after the

traumatic events which led to the death of 9 black church members.

In case you missed our first video in this series, [watch it here](#), and check out our [resources for faith leaders](#) looking to lead conversations about Charleston in their own communities.

Police Chiefs Make Joint Statement with NIOT to Combat Hate



Oak Creek Police Chief John Edwards and Not In Our Town cameraman Dinesh Sabu in 2012

The Civil Rights Committee of the **International Association of Chiefs of Police** has released a joint statement with **Not In Our Town** regarding action steps for law enforcement to take to combat hate.

"Hatred can build barriers between communities, making individuals hesitant to work together to solve community problems or achieve goals," said Chief Will Johnson, chair of the IACP Civil Rights

Committee. "When people are fearful and don't feel protected, they can be hesitant to participate in society, which tears at the very foundation of our democratic republic."

"The solution to hate violence lies with all of us. We've seen that together, communities can create an atmosphere where hate and bigotry are made unacceptable, and where young people learn to respect differences - not fear them," added Patrice O'Neill, CEO and co-founder of NIOT.

[See the full statement on Facebook.](#)

