



## Short Film: Teens Lead Vigil After Kansas City-Area Hate Crimes



While there was broad media coverage of the devastating hate crime killings of three people at Jewish centers in Overland Park, KS, the story of the powerful actions of local community members to respond to these crimes went largely unreported in the national media.

Four days after the attack, local teens led a candlelight vigil to remember the victims and affirm their sense of community. They

were joined by more than 3,000 people of all backgrounds and ages. [Watch the video and learn more about the Kansas City-area's inspiring response.](#)



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## NBA Stands Against Racism. Now What?



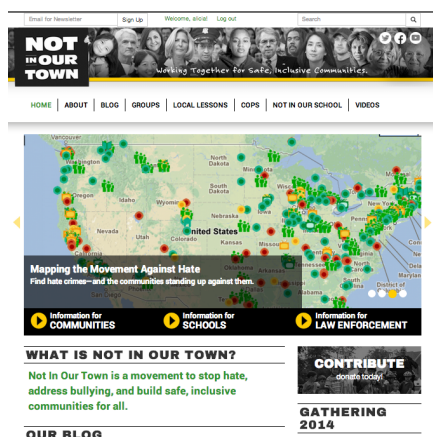
Last week, the NBA permanently banned Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling for racist remarks. It was an unprecedented sanction by the NBA against an owner. Here, Not In Our Town Community Engagement Director Michelle Gahee Kloss encourages us to stand up to the everyday racism revealed in the Sterling scandal. [Read more at NIOT.org.](#)

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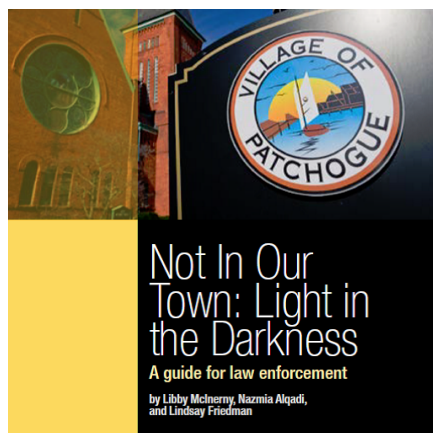
## New & Improved: NIOT.org

NIOT.org, the digital home of Not In Our Town's films and resources as well as community, school and law enforcement programs, got a new look in late April.



We're still putting the final touches on the site, but we're making it easier to find the tools you need to spark conversation and make change in your towns and schools. Go over to [NIOT.org](http://NIOT.org) and take a look! We welcome any and all feedback at [web@niot.org](mailto:web@niot.org).

## Film Guide for Law Enforcement: *Light in the Darkness*



Produced in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office, *Light in the Darkness - A Guide for Law Enforcement* identifies discussion questions and community policing best practices for law enforcement representatives organizing screenings of the PBS documentary film *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness*, which profiles a town taking action after anti-immigrant

violence devastates the community. [Learn more and download the free guide at NIOT.org.](http://NIOT.org)

## Anti-Bullying Work Is An Educator's Work

In 2012, educator Livia Thomas and her principal were terribly concerned that their well-managed and peaceful Grimmer Elementary School had ongoing bullying that had not been reported, while hosts of students were negatively impacted. Bullying is everywhere, but taking concrete steps to prevent and respond make a big difference. That is just what Livia and Principal Judy did. [Read more about their proactive work at NIOT.org](http://NIOT.org) and join Livia at the [National Leadership Gathering this June](#).

