

Washington State Jewish Historical Society Statement re: Confronting Hate Together

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On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, members of our community gathered at the Wing Luke Museum to celebrate the launch of our new exhibit, <u>Confronting Hate Together</u>. This exhibit is a groundbreaking multi-community project between the Black Heritage Society of Washington State (BHS), Washington State Jewish Historical Society (WSJHS), and the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (WLM).

Tuesday night was a beautiful event focused on solidarity and community. Unfortunately, directly afterward, the Wing Luke Museum was forced to close to the public. While disappointing, the WSJHS respects the pause the WLM took just after the opening so that it could have necessary internal dialogue.

At a time when education on the danger of anti-Jewish, anti-Black, and anti-Asian hate have never been more relevant, this exhibit is more important than ever. We fully support the re-opening of the Wing Luke Museum.

We will continue to lean into nuance and understanding and work together to create a beloved community and ensure the Confronting Hate Together exhibit moves forward. We highly encourage you to check out the <u>exhibit online</u> or view it in person at the Wing Luke Museum next week.

In gratitude,

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