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Statement from ORCCA's Board of Directors

Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) was formed in 1965 as part of a nationwide effort to end poverty, combat racism, and to provide opportunities and equality for our most vulnerable populations. Today we continue with our commitment to fulfill our mission, live our core values, and provide critical and necessary resources to our community.

Earlier this month former board member Mr. Karl Popoff responded, in writing, to an email from our Executive Director that was sent to ORCCA staff and board members. The Executive Director's email communicated the importance of acknowledging and addressing racial injustice and inequality. Mr. Popoff's comments are contrary to the mission and values of ORCCA and must be addressed.

The ORCCA Board does not share the views or sentiments expressed by Mr. Karl Popoff. We were not aware of his position or that he would communicate his opinions in the manner he did to our staff. We are deeply saddened by the fact that in a time when compassion and healing is needed most, the actions of a Board member inflicted more pain, and for that, we apologize. Conduct and behavior that perpetuates racial intolerance, inequity or injustice will not be tolerated within our Board or the agency. We are united in our commitment to support the dedicated team of employees who fulfill ORCCA's mission, live our core values, and provide critical and necessary resources to our community.

The ORCCA Board will be working on a Plan of Action with our agency. We hold our members to a higher standard and will be expecting them to do the work in this plan. This Plan of Action will be available on the Oregon Coast Community Action website.

Anna Huit
Chair of The Board of Directors