



KOOTENAI COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR COMMUNITY

Whereas, we, the Kootenai County Democratic Central Committee, were deeply troubled by the resolution passed by the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee on April 25, 2019 that urged the federal government to reinstate travel privileges for Martin Sellner, contrary to the policy of the United States government as implemented by the President and the Department of Homeland Security, who is engaged to Brittany Pettibone, a Post Falls resident and YouTube personality who has publicly touted both the Pizzagate and Great Replacement conspiracy theories; and

Whereas, Martin Sellner has previous ties to the Neo Nazis and currently leads the Identitarian movement in Austria, which is a white nationalist movement that originated in France and is anti-immigration and attacks multiculturalism; and

Whereas, Identitarianism violates the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States because it discriminates and denies equal protection on the basis of race, national origin and citizenship status; and

Whereas, we value inclusivity and reject hate; and

Whereas, Martin Sellner is currently under investigation in Austria for his ties to a known terrorist, including receiving a \$1,700 donation from Brenton Harrison Tarrant, who killed 51 people at two mosques in New Zealand on March 15, 2019; and

Whereas, we recognize that ensuring the security and safety of our community is of the utmost importance and requires a commitment on both a local and national level; and

Whereas, we believe that reasonable and practical national, state and local policies and laws must be in place to ensure the safety and security of our community; and

Whereas, we understand that a safe environment is essential to ensuring that our community is a prosperous one; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Kootenai County Democratic Central Committee:

Supports the Department of Homeland Security in restricting Martin Sellner's travel privileges while he is under investigation in Austria for his ties to terrorist Brenton Harrison Tarrant; and

Continues to prioritize safety and security in our community; and

Believes that a safe community is one in which all persons are entitled to equal opportunity and equal treatment regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or citizenship status, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability or military status.