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### **SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS AND RESPOND TO BIAS INCIDENTS IN BLUE RIDGE – TUESDAY DEC. 15**

Recently examples of bigotry, racism, and harassment have come to light in our neighborhood. Blue Ridge has a history of opposing such words and actions, for example in 1968 when residents affirmed support of the Fair Housing Act. The BRNA Board proposes that a similar commitment is in order now.

The Board will convene a neighborhood discussion via Zoom on Tuesday December 15, at 7:00 p.m. A representative from the Community Justice and Mediation project (CJAM) will facilitate our efforts. The Board prepared the following draft statement to begin the discussion.

### **DRAFT STATEMENT ON BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY**

Blue Ridge has a diversity of homes, residents, and opinions. We strive to be a supportive neighborhood of inclusion, kindness, and compassion. We draw on the example of the 1968 residents who affirmed in writing their commitment to racial inclusion. We, the undersigned residents of the Blue Ridge Neighborhood, affirm in writing our commitment to welcome and support all who choose to make Blue Ridge their home.

### **TO REGISTER FOR THE MEETING**

The meeting will be held on Zoom and is open to anyone who lives in Blue Ridge. If you would like to attend, please email Ralf Shaw ([shawd@indiana.edu](mailto:shawd@indiana.edu)) by Thursday December 10. She will send information on the meeting and the Zoom link on Friday December 11.