



For Immediate Release – Reply To N.J. Attorney General Letter To Facebook

We concur with the Attorney General that there is a rising tide of hate across our country and here in New Jersey. We disagree with his assertion that any of that originates from within Rise Up Ocean County.

Rise Up Ocean County was formed in October 2018. Our focus has been and remains the environmental destruction of Ocean County, the high-density and almost lawless over development in and around Lakewood, the draining of public school resources to support private religious schools and the stress placed on our already crumbling infrastructure. All of these are indeed quality of life issues for Ocean County residents.

Point by point:

-We did not predict that the population in Lakewood would double by the year 2030, Aaron Kotler, CEO of the largest Rabbinical College outside of Israel, BMG, predicted that in an interview with NJ.com. We simply carried the math forward in predicting the affects that such growth would have on our environment, our schools and our infrastructure using statistical analysis.

-The Lakewood Vaad (a group of orthodox Rabbis) exercises incredible power over the Lakewood community. Given the time is of the essence manner in which we must respond, a full explanation of that influence can be provided at a later date.

-Recently there were suggestions made that somehow our group was inciting violence. Knowing that to not be the case, we created a video starring Eric Cartman and characters from the television show South Park to make a mockery of the claim. You may view that video, it is still on the page. It is a tongue in cheek video.

-Although we agree with the message that was communicated through the use of the poem, we deleted it, we apologized for it and cannot imagine why the Attorney General would reference it in his letter to Facebook.

Regarding our Facebook account, we have set profanity filters at the highest setting and have banned the use of certain words. A screen shot of those settings is attached. Furthermore, a group of 7 administrators invest countless hours monitoring the comments made by members. We have been COMMENDED by members of the orthodox community for our efforts to keep focused on the issues.

As is the case in life, despite our efforts and the filters offered by Facebook, occasionally things slip through. Whenever inappropriate content is brought to our attention it is removed immediately. We imagine that the comments that the Attorney General attributes to our page in his letter are indeed there, if he would point those out to us we will gladly delete them as well.

Growing RUOC to 10,000+ members did not happen because we are a hate filled, anti-Semitic group. To the contrary it happened because we are not, because we invest so much time, energy and effort in keeping the page consistent with Facebook Community Standards.

We have profound respect for the rule of law and maintain that we have at all times operated within those laws that protect the rights of individuals. We do however invite the Attorney General to consider an investigation into the many complaints that his office has received from members of our group and others alleging harassment, intimidation and threats of violence originating from within the orthodox Jewish community. People have lost jobs, housing and business relationships as a result, if he needs copies we will be happy to provide them again.

In closing we ask that the Attorney General immediately begin an investigation into each and every post appearing on our Facebook page that alleges corruption and law breaking, there are plenty that are well documented and practically ready to prosecute.

Finally a request that the Attorney General open an investigation into the savage beating of Fred and Pat Robison. Nearly 8 months later and the Lakewood Police Department, Ocean County Prosecutor, F.B.I. and Homeland Security have offered nothing. No suspects, no arrests.

Current Facebook setting for language and content

Post and Story Sharing	Post sharing to Stories is On	Edit
Messages	People can contact my Page privately.	Edit
Tagging Ability	Only people who help manage my Page can tag photos posted on it.	Edit
Others Tagging this Page	People and other Pages cannot tag my Page.	Edit
Page Location for Effects	Other people can't use your Page's location for photo and video frames and effects.	Edit
Country Restrictions	Page is only shown to people in United States	Edit
Age Restrictions	Page is only shown to people over 18 years of age.	Edit
Page Moderation	Posts containing these words are blocked: hindy,hindi,scumbag,fascist,hitler,nazi,fuck,shit,vermin,bitch,filth	Edit
Profanity Filter	Set to strong	Edit