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NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD

Deadline is Friday, November 11, 2011

The City of Pocatello's volunteer Human Relations Advisory Committee is taking nominations for next year's Human and Civil Rights Award recipients. The award recognizes members of the community for outstanding achievement in the areas of human and civil rights. Nominations may be sent by e-mail to HRAC.pocatello@gmail.com or may be given to any member of the Human Relations Advisory Committee. Deadline for nominations is Friday, November 11, 2011.

This year's recipients were Bonnie K. Frantz and the community group 2Great4Hate. They received their awards at the May 12, 2011 City Council Study Session.

Ms. Frantz was employed for 24 years at Idaho State University (ISU). During her time there, she initiated and directed the campus-wide Human Rights Celebration and the Social Justice Committee. She organized events and workshops, which included host facilitators from Amnesty International, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and Living Voices. At ISU, she also created and chaired the Campus Coordinated Violence Response Committee. Ms. Frantz has served as a member of the Bannock County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness to the cause of human rights.

2Great4Hate is a community group established in 2010 in response to white supremacist local recruiting efforts. People from all walks of life and ethnicities joined to promote greater community awareness of tolerance and diversity. 2Great4Hate continues to educate the public concerning issues of bigotry, supremacist messages, harassment, and diversity while seeking to honor and celebrate the diversity of our community.

For the past five years, the City's Human Relations Advisory Committee has recognized members of the community for outstanding service in the areas of human and civil rights.

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