

All People Are Welcome Here

Since the World Trade Center bombings, some people, (particularly if they look Arab or Muslim or are immigrants), are feeling vulnerable to harassment and attack. For some this vulnerability has made going out into the community a frightening experience.

We want to show that our neighborhoods, stores and shops will be safe places for everybody. In this time we want to make our community explicitly welcoming to all people. This sign is an effort to do just that.

Talk to the people who own and work in your neighborhood stores about posting this sign. Most will appreciate the chance to help. Many will want to help think of other ideas to make it clear that all people are welcome and respected.

Many responses to these tragedies can be expected and need to be listened to, even if the feelings are different than our own. If they do not want to post the sign, but can talk about their feelings and thoughts, that will also be a good step.

This is a time for our communities to come together and support one another. It is a time to listen to one another. Together, we can find intelligent policies and solutions that will move us and the world forward.

These posters are the joint effort of many people who live and work in our community. It will be good to hear how this project goes as we talk to our neighbors. Please email any thoughts, stories, questions and suggestions to karist@igc.org
Thank-you for participating.