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## **A new coalition**

*Dear editor,*

The Lakeview Safety and Inclusion Coalition ( LSIC ) is a new community group of service providers, residents, business leaders, youth, public servants and individuals invested in bettering Lakeview.

A response to recent acts of violence, LSIC's goals are simple. First, uphold Lakeview's longstanding tradition of serving as an open and welcoming community for individuals from all backgrounds, ethnicities, ages, gender identities and orientations. Above all, make Lakeview safer for everyone by bringing the entire community together and taking a holistic, results-driven approach to solutions.

With the broad coalition that LSIC has built, and continues to build, I am confident that together we can strengthen our community and preserve Lakeview's integrity for all of those who live, work and visit Lakeview. LSIC recognizes the need to steer away from the exclusion and divisiveness that hinders our progress and instead focus on our shared goals of feeling safe and welcomed in our community. When we uphold our values of respect, inclusion and commitment, we can productively work to ensure that our streets remain safe for all.

As a proud member of this community and as state representative, I support LSIC and am looking forward to working with the coalition to make our neighborhood safer for everyone.

*Sara Feigenholtz*

*State representative,*

*12th District*