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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC OWNERSHIP

A public statement from Seattle leadership following Sunday's Western Conference Semifinals first leg in Vancouver

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SEATTLE, WASH. – On behalf of its Ownership Group, Seattle Sounders FC today issued the following statement on the heels of Sunday's first leg of the 2017 MLS Western Conference Semifinals:

"Seattle Sounders FC is aware of the events that occurred within the club's supporters' section during the first leg of the 2017 Western Conference Semifinals at BC Place on Sunday evening, where two travelling supporters were ejected for holding a sign that read: 'Anti-fascist, anti-racist, always Seattle.' We would like to reassure our fans that both the league and our club believe strongly in inclusion and acceptance. Tolerance and inclusiveness are pillars of our society, and ideals we take seriously as an organization. At a human level, we believe these values to be non-political. Speaking up for equality is simply the right thing to do."

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Adrian Hanauer

A cursive signature in black ink that reads "Joe Roth".

Joe Roth

A cursive signature in black ink that reads "Paul Allen".

Paul Allen

A cursive signature in black ink that reads "DREW CAREY 2017".

Drew Carey