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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission Condemns Josh Hader's Hurtful Behavior**

Milwaukee Brewers player Josh Hader apologized for tweets which resurfaced after his All-Star Game appearance. He outright degraded women, people of color, and the LGBTQ population. Tweets he blamed on his youth as a 17-year-old – though one of them only had gone back to when he was 22.

Major League Baseball has said it will not suspend him for these past remarks but will require him to take sensitivity training, instead.

Clemency for blatant racism, homophobia, and misogyny cannot be resolved solely with training. We cannot accept what occurred as the normalcy of childhood, as he stated. An apology tour is not good enough.

Rather than offering him an easy rite of passage, the Brewers and Major League Baseball must send a clear message to fans and young people that his behavior is wrong and there are severe consequences.

The Equal Rights Commission would encourage Josh Hader to reach out to local community groups, to those who were maligned, and begin a process of conciliation and healing for all affected.

Steadfast in the support of equal and human rights,

City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission