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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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DATE

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO REPORTED HATE CRIMES AND RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC OR RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE, COUNCIL FILE NO. 17-0256

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE the attached Fact Sheet relative to reported hate crimes and religious or racially motivated violence, Council File No. 17-0256.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT this report to the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee.

DISCUSSION

On January 24, 2018, members of the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee requested the Los Angeles Police Department to submit a report relative to reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic, or racially motivated violence, under Council File No. 17-0256.

The attached fact sheet was prepared by Robbery-Homicide Division in response to that request.

If you should have any questions, please contact Captain William P. Hayes, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachment

BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Approved April 10, 2018.
Secretary Maria Silva

FACT SHEET

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO REPORTED HATE CRIMES AND RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, OR RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE, COUNCIL FILE NO. 17-0256

March 8, 2018

Background. On January 24, 2018, members of the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee requested a report relative to the reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic, or racially motivated violence, under Council File No. 17-0256.

Findings. The Los Angeles Police Department has reported 254 crimes for the year 2017, that were motivated by hate with a bias toward a particular group or individual. This represented a 10.9 percent increase over the 229 crimes motivated by hate that were reported in 2016.

The vast majority of the crimes tend to be acts of vandalism directed at property, either owned or operated by the protected individual.

The two most prevalent crimes motivated by hate, were those with bias directed toward race/ethnicity and sexual orientation with 115, and 70 crimes in each category, respectively.

There were 55 crimes motivated by hate directed at the African-American community, 32 crimes motivated by hate against the Hispanic community, and 10 crimes motivated by hate directed at the Caucasian community. There were 18 other crimes motivated by hate that were directed at individuals or groups that were of another Other Ethnicity/National origin. Those affected communities included Asian Pacific Islander and the Middle Eastern Community.

With respect to crimes motivated by hate against religion, there were 37 anti-Semitic crimes and six anti-Muslim crimes. It should be noted that these numbers are almost identical to the number of crimes committed the previous year. Additionally, there were 2 crimes motivated by hate directed towards the Sikh community, and one crime motivated by hate directed at the Catholic community.

With respect to crimes motivated by hate against the Transgender community, there were 23 crimes motivated by hate directed at the Transgender community compared to 8 during 2016.

In examining the crimes motivated by hate with a bias directed at religion, the majority of crimes (32 of 46) committed, were acts of vandalism. More importantly, there were only two simple assaults reported in this category.

Over the past several years, Area Commands and Specialized Commands within the Los Angeles Police Department have done outreach to local houses of worship to assist them with evaluating security, and establishing security measures to enhance the safety of their facilities and their followers (congregations). During religious holidays, all Area Commands regularly check on religious facilities to ensure the safety of the congregation.

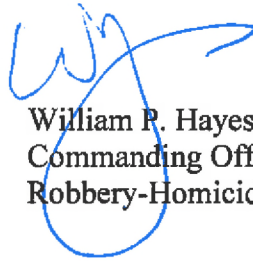
FACT SHEET

**RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO REPORTED HATE
CRIMES AND RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, OR RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE,
COUNCIL FILE NO. 17-0256**

March 8, 2018

As of the writing of this document, a search of federal, state, and local grant sites for funding that would defray the cost of increased security for houses of worship, found no applicable grants.

Prepared by:



William P. Hayes, Captain III
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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

February 14, 2018
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TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Chief of Detectives

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Council File No.: 17-0256

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

January 26, 2018

Council File No.: 17-0256
Council Meeting Date: January 24, 2018
Agenda Item No.: 3
Agenda Description: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic or racially motivated violence.

Council Action: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	BOB BLUMENFIELD
YES	MIKE BONIN
YES	JOE BUSCAINO
ABSENT	GILBERT A. CEDILLO
YES	MITCHELL ENGLANDER
ABSENT	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
ABSENT	JOSE HUIZAR
ABSENT	PAUL KORETZ
ABSENT	PAUL KREKORIAN
YES	NURY MARTINEZ
YES	MITCH O'FARRELL
YES	CURREN D. PRICE
YES	MONICA RODRIGUEZ
YES	DAVID RYU
YES	HERB WESSON

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic or racially motivated violence.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Ryu, et al. - Wesson):

1. REQUEST the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on recent trends in reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic or racially motivated violence, particularly those directed at Los Angeles' Jewish community; efforts to respond to hate crimes and increase security around Jewish facilities, including synagogues, cemeteries, schools and community centers; enhanced security protocols that can be taken during Jewish holidays; and, any cooperative efforts to help determine the vulnerability of these institutions and secure their facilities.
2. REQUEST the LAPD, with the assistance of the City Attorney and City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report on any Federal, State or local funding that could be sought by the City to help enhance security around faith-based facilities, as well as any security grants that could be secured by non-governmental or faith-based entities to help defray the costs of security assessments, site visits and infrastructure improvements to further secure their facilities.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on January 10, 2018, the Public Safety Committee considered Motion (Ryu, et al. - Wesson) regarding hate crimes and religious, ethnic or racially motivated violence. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended on consent to approve the Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER	YES
OFARRELL	YES
BUSCANO	ABSENT
RYU	YES
RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT

MOTION

The greater Los Angeles area calls itself home to nearly 3.5 million immigrants, who trace their roots to scores of countries, cultures, ethnicities and religions. For nearly 150 years, immigrants have played a vital role in shaping the region's economy and culture time, and time again, the residents of Los Angeles have chosen to embrace the diversity that continues to strengthen our City.

There are also, unfortunate examples throughout our national history in which these values have been violated by individuals, groups and governments. From the passage of the Northwest Ordinance in the late eighteenth century, through the early twentieth, the United States government pursued a campaign of forced relocation and cultural assimilation that all but eradicated Native Americans in the western states. During World War II, we witnessed the forced relocation and incarceration of nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans, many of whom were US citizens. And in the summer of 1939, the German ocean liner *St. Louis* and its 937 passengers, almost all Jewish, were turned away from the port of Miami, forcing the ship to return to Europe – more than a quarter of the passengers died in the Holocaust.

Unfortunately, the rhetoric that precipitated some of the darkest moments in our nation's history have crept back into our policy making and political discourse. Equally troubling, however, are the acts of violence that have accompanied this shift. Department of Homeland Security Secretary, John Kelly, observed, "[o]ver the past several weeks, the country has seen unacceptable and escalating threats and actual harassment directed at faith-based communities around the country, with a particular focus on threats to Jewish Community Centers." And according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 90 anti-Semitic attacks have taken place at 73 Jewish synagogues, cemeteries, schools and community centers in 30 states, since the beginning of the year. On February 20th, over 100 tombstones were found overturned at the Chesed Shel Emet Society cemetery in University City, Missouri. The following day 21 bomb threats were called in to 13 JCCs, including the Westside JCC which was evacuated, and eight Jewish schools in 13 states. And on the 26th, over 100 headstones were discovered toppled and cracked in Philadelphia's Mount Carmel Cemetery.

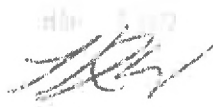
Over the last few weeks, the City of Los Angeles has seen an uptick in vandalism, including the spray painting of swastikas on public and private property, and on February 27th, a brief protest organized by the Westboro Baptist Church prompted a temporary morning closure of Shalhevet High School at 910 South Fairfax Avenue in Los Angeles to avoid exposing students to the Church's message.

Jolted into action by the wave of hate crimes that occurred in the wake of President Trump's November, 2016 election victory, faith-based organizations have united to stem bigotry in our communities. One of the more prominent being the Muslim Jewish Advisory Council — a partnership of the Islamic Society of North America and the American Jewish Committee — comprised of a mix of business executives, religious leaders and politicians. On February 23rd, Governor Andrew Cuomo allocated \$25 million to religious schools throughout New York State to pay for added security, and deployed extra state police to investigate such incidents. And in Los Angeles, The Jewish Federation, through its Community Security Initiative, has been working with synagogues and schools to improve security around facilities and proactively monitor threats.


With the second largest Jewish population outside Israel, we should take recent instances of anti-Semitism seriously. It is incumbent that the City of Los Angeles secure its residents and protect the diversity that continues to define and strengthen the region.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the LAPD, with the assistance of the City Attorney, be REQUESTED to report to the City Council on recent trends in reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic or racially motivated violence, particularly those directed at Los Angeles' Jewish community; efforts to respond to hate crimes and increase security around Jewish facilities, including, synagogues, cemeteries, schools and community centers; enhanced security protocols that can be taken during Jewish holidays; and any cooperative efforts to help determine the vulnerability of these institutions and secure their facilities.

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