

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, The California State Nonprofit Security Grants Program (CSNSGP), administered by the California Office of Emergency Services, provides funding for physical security enhancements to non-profit organizations that are at high risk for violent attacks; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 and in 2022, the Poway Chabad synagogue in San Diego and the Beth Israel Synagogue in Colleyville, Texas were attacked by individuals with anti-Semitic motivations; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 shooting resulted in the CSNSGP being expanded, and more funds were made available to eligible non-profit organizations including religious institutions, LGBTQ community centers, reproductive health facilities; and

WHEREAS, following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a wave of hate crimes and racist rhetoric targeting Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the legislation establishing the CSNSGP included a sunset date of January 1, 2025, hate crimes continue to occur at a concerning rate, and the program is still vital to the protection of vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Legislature is AB 1664 (Gabriel) which would remove the January 1, 2025 sunset date from the CSNSGP; and

WHEREAS, as hate crimes continue to rise both nationally and within California, this bill acknowledges the continuing occurrences of hate-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has the highest number of hate crimes reported in the nation, and religious institutions and service providers must have the tools they need to take precautionary measures against such attacks; and

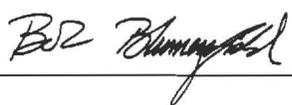
WHEREAS, the City must demonstrate its commitment to combatting hate and ignorance by protecting vulnerable religious institutions and services providers, making it clear that any such attacks are unacceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1664 (Gabriel) which would remove the January 1, 2025 sunset date from the California State Nonprofit Security Grants Program.

PRESENTED BY: _____


JOHN S. LEE
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SECONDED BY: _____



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