

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to the second largest Jewish community in the United States, and the third largest in the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has consistently stood in solidarity with its Jewish community in condemning antisemitism (CF 20-0002-S9, CF 21-0002-S148) and calling for action at various levels of government to address the rise in antisemitic hate incidents; and

WHEREAS, rapper Ye, aka Kanye West, recently posted on social media to 31.5 million followers that he was planning to go “death con 3 on JEWISH PEOPLE,” which has prompted antisemitic hate groups to opportunistically capitalize on the media attention generated by this incident to spread vile and hateful messages about Jews and the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 22nd, one such antisemitic hate group hung a banner over the 405 freeway that read, “Kanye is right about the Jews”, while performing Nazi salutes; and

WHEREAS, during the same weekend, residents of Westwood, Bel Air, Mid-City and Beverly Hills, woke up to antisemitic flyers stuffed in sand-filled baggies on their lawns; and

WHEREAS, over the Jewish High Holidays this year, similar flyers that included the names of Jewish people who work in the Biden administration and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were distributed around the Los Angeles area casting the COVID-19 pandemic as part of a Jewish “agenda”; and

WHEREAS, hate speech can easily slide into violence, and conspiracy theories of Jewish power are dangerous lies, which have fueled pogroms, expulsions, and ultimately genocide throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Defamation League has reported that antisemitic incidents reached an all-time high in 2021, and antisemitic incidents in the Los Angeles area increased by 217% from 2017 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, this week marks the four-year anniversary of the Tree of Life massacre in Pittsburgh, where eleven Jewish community members were murdered in the deadliest antisemitic attack in American history; and

WHEREAS, Jews across the country, including in the City of Los Angeles, have been forced to hire armed security to protect their synagogues, schools, and community centers from the ever present threat of antisemitic violence; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles must condemn hate in all of its manifestations and against all people — immediately and forcefully; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Angelenos should know that they are not alone in these trying times, and that the entire city stands with them;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles stands in solidarity with the Jewish community in condemning the recent antisemitic acts that have stained our City and commits to leveraging City resources and the City's Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department to fighting antisemitism, along with all other forms of hate and predudice, to ensure that the City is a welcoming and safe home to all people.


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