

Communication from Public

Name: Sheri Schwartz

Date Submitted: 10/30/2022 05:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am posting support for the motion for the LA City Council adoption of the IHRA working definition of antisemitism. Given the 600% uptick in antisemitic incidents in LA over the last 2 years, it is imperative our govt officials address this issue, and this would be a first step, along with ensuring we utilize an Ethnic Studies program in LAUSD that is ethically and historical accurate and free from antisemitic lies, tropes and disinformation.

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Name: Lisa

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this resolution. Education is the key to ending hate and eradicating prejudice. Only when we understand the root of stereotypes and misinformation can people become aware of their biases and work to create a more inclusive and peaceful society.

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Name: Chloe Levian

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chloe Levian. My parents escaped the Iranian Revolution. My family left Iran, where my great-grandfather was stabbed to death for being Jewish, to give their children a better life and be able to practice their religion freely and safely. Jews throughout history did not have the same luxury, Israel saved my family and Jews all over the world from genocide and other forms of oppression. My family went to the two places that were supposed to be safe: Israel and the United States. It was supposed to be different here in the US but due to the spread of misinformation and antisemitic ideology, we are still facing this threat. Jews in Los Angeles are harassed and attacked because of their identity. I remember vividly in May 2021 going through Instagram and seeing my friends post videos of an altercation at my favorite sushi restaurant in Los Angeles, Sushi Fumi. I was disgusted and quite frankly terrified when I saw videos of a caravan of men waving Palestinian flags ask people enjoying their sushi, “who is Jewish” and proceeding to physically attack my older brother’s friend. I will never forget the fear in my mother’s voice when she told my siblings and me to take off our Star of David necklaces, stay home and not go to any Jewish events. I’m one of the proudest Jews I know, and I took off my Star of David because I was scared to be a Jew in Los Angeles in 2021. Antisemitism is real and is rising at an alarming rate. This is why we need a definition. Every minority group should have the right to define what hatred against them is and be the leading voice in the conversation. That is not too much to ask for. The right to define antisemitism lies solely with the majority of the Jewish people. I urge Los Angeles City Council to vote yes and adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.

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Name: Jessica Fugate

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the Council to vote unanimously in favor of adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism. As we have seen more prominently in the last few weeks, hate and intolerance of the Jewish people has grown increasingly alarming. Now more than ever, we need to send a strong and concise message that anti-semitism will not be tolerated in our great city.