



## **Jewish Community Relations Council**

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### **Media Announcement**

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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

#### **Local community organizing solidarity rally as Israel is under attack**

#### **Spokespersons available for on-the-record comment and analysis**

Representatives of local Jewish organizations will gather at 4:30 p.m. today, July 13<sup>th</sup>, in front of the Israeli Consulate at 456 Montgomery Street (between California and Sacramento Streets) to demonstrate support for Israel and its people who are under attack. The rally is in response to unprovoked rocket attacks from Lebanon on Israel by Hezbollah, a terrorist organization.

Demonstrators will be carrying signs expressing solidarity with Israel, singing songs of peace, and calling for the release of the soldiers and for a halt in rocket attacks against Israel.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) – the public affairs arm of the organized Bay Area Jewish community – issued the following statement:

The Bay Area organized Jewish community unequivocally condemns the unprovoked and illegal rocket and mortar attack by the Iranian and Syrian-backed terror group Hezbollah on Israeli northern communities. We condemn the raid into Israel by Hezbollah terrorists, who captured and killed Israeli border patrols. These attacks are an offensive escalation of the current crisis in Gaza.

This attack would not have been possible without the explicit authorization of Hezbollah's two main state sponsors in the region: Iran and Syria, who continue to harbor terror group leaders. We stand steadfastly by Israel in its protecting itself and its citizens against terrorism. The international community must pressure the governments involved to reign in Hezbollah, including disarming the terror group, and deploying the Lebanese army to southern Lebanon along the internationally recognized Israeli-Lebanese border. We call upon the Syrians and Iranians to cease provoking war, and to pursue peace.

JCRC supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and fully supports Israel's efforts to end the conflict. The Hamas-Hezbollah attacks make this goal much more difficult to reach. We place full responsibility on this most dangerous escalation on Hamas, Hezbollah, and the governments supporting them in Damascus and Teheran.

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The Jewish Community Relations Council is the central public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community, representing more than 80 synagogues and Jewish organizations in the Bay Area on public affairs issues.