



January 14, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
90 7th Street, Suite 2-800  
San Francisco, CA 94103

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
House Minority Leader  
4100 Empire Drive, Suite 150  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

The California Jewish community is appalled by the events on January 6 in Washington, DC. The violence and extremism on display underscores serious concerns about the security of Jewish and other targeted Americans. We are therefore asking for your leadership to:

- Pass bipartisan legislation to confront and address the rising threats of domestic terrorism and online disinformation.
- Provide Congressional oversight to ensure all relevant law enforcement agencies fully investigate the events of January 6 and are supported in their efforts to hold relevant individuals and groups accountable for any illegal and dangerous actions.
- Provide Congressional oversight to ensure effective and equitable law enforcement procedures when responding to civil unrest on federal property.

The Jewish American experience has taught us that our future depends on a strong democracy. When civility and trust in our system of government erode, our democratic protections are no longer guaranteed. We therefore turn to you as congressional leaders to publicly affirm your commitment to the foundational elements of our democratic republic, working together to rebuild the public’s trust.

We, the undersigned Jewish organizations and community leaders, are counting on you to help unite us and uphold our country’s democratic values by adopting the above actions. We look forward to your leadership in bringing us together around our common principles to restore civility in America.

Sincerely,

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JCRC Executive Director

Paul Resnick  
JCRC President

Diane Fisher  
JCRC of Silicon Valley Director

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel  
Chair, California Legislative Jewish

Senator Scott Wiener  
Vice Chair, California Legislative Jewish

## Organizations

American Jewish Committee California  
Berkeley Hillel  
Brandeis Marin  
California Jewish Legislative Caucus  
Chochmat HaLev, Berkeley  
Congregation Beth Am, Los Altos Hills  
Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton  
Congregation Beth Israel Judea, San Francisco  
Congregation Beth Sholom, San Francisco  
Congregation B'nai Emunah, San Francisco  
Congregation B'nai Shalom, Walnut Creek  
Congregation Emanu-El, San Francisco  
Congregation Etz Chayim, Palo Alto  
Congregation Kol Emeth, Mountain View  
Congregation Kol Shofar, Marin  
Congregation Rodef Sholom, Marin  
Congregation Sherith Israel, San Francisco  
Diablo Valley Hadassah  
Faith In Action East Bay  
Hadassah Southern California  
Hillel at Stanford  
Hillel of San Diego  
Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley  
Jewish Community Relations Council, Sacramento  
Jewish Community Center of the East Bay  
Jewish Community Center of San Francisco  
Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County  
Jewish Education and Information Council of Rossmoor  
Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties  
Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley  
Jewish Federation of Central California  
Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys  
Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region  
Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley  
Jewish Gateways, Berkeley  
Jewish LearningWorks  
Jewish Long Beach  
Jewish Family & Children's Services of Long Beach & West Orange County  
Keddem Congregation, Palo Alto  
National Council of Jewish Women, San Francisco Section  
Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center  
Oakland Hebrew Day School  
Oshman Family Jewish Community Center  
Peninsula Jewish Community Center  
Peninsula Sinai Congregation  
Peninsula Temple Sholom, Burlingame  
San Francisco Hillel  
Santa Cruz Hillel  
Sinai Memorial Chapel Chevra Kadisha, San Francisco  
Tawonga Jewish Community Corp.  
Temple Beth Abraham, Oakland  
Temple Beth David, Westminster  
Temple Beth El of Bakersfield  
Temple Beth Ohr, La Mirada  
Temple Beth Shalom, Long Beach

Temple Beth Torah, Fremont  
Temple Emanu-El of San Diego  
Temple Isaiah of Contra Costa County,  
Lafayette Temple Israel, Stockton  
The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento  
Region Tri-Valley Cultural Jews

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