

1 [Resolution Condemning Increase of Anti-Semitic Harassment]

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Resolution condemning the increase in incidents of anti-Semitism and other forms of bias, prejudice and discrimination.

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WHEREAS, There has been a rash of bomb threats and cemetery desecrations targeting Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Day Schools and Jewish institutions across the nation, in the Bay Area, and in San Francisco, and an increase in discriminatory rhetoric and actions, including verbal and violent anti-Semitic assaults, in recent years nationwide, including in the San Francisco Bay Area, targeting Jewish community members and specifically Jewish university students; and

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WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigations, ProPublica, Southern Poverty Law Center, Anti-Defamation League and other reputable groups have identified evidence of hundreds of incidents of anti-Semitic harassment and intimidation in the last few months throughout the country targeting individuals perceived to be of Jewish ethnic and/or religious ancestry; and

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WHEREAS, These anti-Semitic acts appear to have come from white-nationalist and racist groups, as well as from groups across the political spectrum, and often include anti-Jewish bigotry, including anti-Semitic discrimination rooted in efforts to delegitimize Jewish self-determination; and

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WHEREAS, These incidents occur in the context of a steep rise in anti-Semitism globally, and xenophobia discriminatory acts targeting people of diverse backgrounds, including Muslims, Arabs, Sikhs, Latinos, women, immigrants of all backgrounds and LGBT people in our nation; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, In light of the volume and frequency of acts of intolerance, xenophobia
2 and the evolving nature of anti-Semitism, we hereby reaffirm our commitment to an open
3 and inclusive city that actively opposes all of these forms of prejudice, bias or discrimination
4 against people based on religion, ethnicity, race, sex, national origin, immigration status,
5 sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and disability; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That we will work to uphold principles of equality, pluralism
7 and inclusivity, and will stand in solidarity with Jewish and other communities whenever they
8 are targeted or marginalized; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to diminish
10 or infringe upon free speech or any other right that is protected under the First Amendment
11 of the Constitution of the United States.

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