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### **Speaking Out Against Bigotry, Racism, and Incitement**

San Francisco, CA – Bigotry, racism, incitement to violence and other forms of intolerance and extremism have no place in our society. Left unchecked, they can take root and grow very quickly. From the local environment to our national stage, where we see these forces at work in the presidential election, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) condemns hateful rhetoric and the reverberating threatening and violent actions by individuals.

Throughout its 70 year history, JCRC has amplified the voices of the organized Jewish community in championing democracy, celebrating our diversity, promoting inclusivity and modeling civil discourse. Once again, we are compelled to speak out to empower the voices of moderation and educate the public about the danger of letting extremism seep into the mainstream, where it will not only potentially target minority groups but harm our entire society.

We call on all leaders, including candidates for office, to eschew all forms of hatred and extremism, and to serve as models of civility in advancing their ideas. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of institutions in our civil society to challenge hate. Faith-based and community organizations, public officials and candidates, and the media all have a stake in making it clear that targeting any group in our society is antithetical to our values, a threat to the freedoms we cherish in America, and damaging to our national image around the world.

As a 501c3 organization, JCRC scrupulously avoids comment on candidates or their views, and this statement is not intended to draw us into political battles. It will stand as our ongoing statement going forward. We reaffirm – for our friends in other targeted minority communities and for our own community – JCRC’s continued commitment to challenge bigotry, racism and extremism as we partner together to foster a hate-free society.

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