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JCRC Condemns Rocket Attacks and Violence in Jerusalem

San Francisco, CA – Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) Executive Director Tyler Gregory issued the following statement in response to escalating violence in Israel:

“JCRC is watching the recent escalation of violence in Jerusalem with great sadness. The clashes, including at the Temple Mount, are heartbreaking, with hundreds injured. Jerusalem has been a sacred city and home to Jews, Christians and Muslims alike for millennia, and residents of *all* faiths must have the freedom to worship. Calls for restraint, condemnation of violence, and actionable measures to de-escalate the situation are necessary at this time to prevent the crisis from metastasizing further.

“Additionally, we strongly condemn the reckless rocket fire and incendiary balloon attacks by Hamas and other terrorist groups from Gaza toward civilians inside Israel, including the cities of Jerusalem, Beit Shemesh and other areas in the south. Israel, like any sovereign nation, has the right to protect its civilians. We mourn the loss of all innocent life and hope for a quick resolution to this crisis.”

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