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Joint Statement of Solidarity Following Attack in New Zealand

San Francisco, CA – The Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund, Jewish Federation and The Jewish Community Foundation of the East Bay, Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco joined voices in solidarity with our Muslim friends and allies following the tragic attacks at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, that left at least 49 people dead. The epidemic of gun-related mass violence has clearly had a ripple effect across the world.

Just as we saw at the Pittsburgh synagogue, this horrific massacre continues the trend of targeting houses of worship, using immigration and fears of the “other” as a pretext for violence. Yesterday’s attack, which came around the time people were attending the mosques for Friday prayers, was the deadliest in New Zealand’s history.

When Pittsburgh happened, our Muslim community was there to support us, and we are here now to support them. While this tragedy happened thousands of miles away, our hearts go out to the families of the murdered and injured, and we will continue to campaign against extremist hate and violence at home and abroad.

We encourage everyone in our community to reach out to their Muslim neighbors, friends and colleagues in solidarity. And if you’re not sure how best to help, please review San Jose-based Islamic Network Group’s guidance.

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