

1 [Condemning Antisemitism and All Forms of Race and Religion Based Violence in San
2 Francisco]

3 **Resolution condemning antisemitism and all forms of race and religion based violence**
4 **in San Francisco; and reaffirms its commitment to an open, inclusive, and safe city that**
5 **actively opposes all forms of hate, including those based on religion, ethnicity, race,**
6 **sex, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity or**
7 **expression, and disability.**

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco is built on a foundation of inclusion, equity, and diversity,
10 and stands firmly committed to protecting the rights and dignity of all people, regardless of
11 race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or disability;
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13 WHEREAS, In recent months, individuals and institutions in San Francisco have been
14 targeted by acts of antisemitism, including repeated acts of vandalism directed at a Jewish-
15 owned business in the Mission, verbal harassment directed at a Jewish faculty member at
16 City College of San Francisco, the removal of a Jewish elected officials from a bar in the
17 Mission, the violent and unprovoked assault of a Jewish man in the Marina and the ongoing
18 harassment of parents and children at Jewish schools and synagogues throughout the city;
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20 WHEREAS, These incidents are part of a broader national trend of violent antisemitic
21 activity, including the killing of two Israeli consulate staffers in Washington, DC, the
22 firebombing of an event supporting Israeli hostages in Boulder, Colorado, and the arson of
23 Governor Josh Shapiro's residence in Pennsylvania; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2024 nationwide antisemitic incidents; including physical attacks,
25 vandalism, and verbal, online and physical harassment; reached all-time highs according to

1 data from the Anti-Defamation League, and the Jewish Community Relations Council found
2 that 42% of surveyed Bay Area Jews directly witnessed or experienced antisemitism in the
3 past year; and

4 WHEREAS, The California Department of Justice reported that anti-Jewish hate crimes
5 increased 53% in 2023 and represent 15% of all hate crimes in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Jewish Community is diverse, representing the full spectrum
7 of the Jewish diaspora, including many languages and nationalities; and

8 WHEREAS, These acts of antisemitism have come from a range of sources across the
9 political spectrum, and often invoke painful stereotypes, myths and tropes about Jews,
10 including efforts to delegitimize Jewish identity and self-determination; and

11 WHEREAS, These incidents occur in the broader context of rising hate crimes and
12 bias-based violence in the United States, including acts targeting immigrants, Muslims, Arabs,
13 Sikhs, Black and Latino communities, women, and LGBTQ+ individuals; and

14 WHEREAS, Political protest and civic engagement are core democratic values, but
15 violence, harassment, and targeting individuals or institutions based on their identity or
16 perceived geopolitical stance are never acceptable and must be clearly condemned; and

17 WHEREAS, The current political moment demands that we come together across
18 differences to find common ground and reject division, recognizing that hate crimes and
19 incidents not only cause direct harm to victims but also seek to intimidate entire communities,
20 spread fear, and undermine the values of inclusion, safety, and belonging that San Francisco
21 strives to uphold; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 strongly condemns all forms of antisemitism and race and religion-based violence,
24 harassment, vandalism, and discrimination; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board reaffirms its commitment to an open, inclusive,
2 and safe city that actively opposes all forms of hate, including those based on religion,
3 ethnicity, race, sex, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity or
4 expression, and disability; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board stands in solidarity with Jewish San
6 Franciscans and all others impacted by antisemitism and other forms of bias motivated
7 violence; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports expanded education and public
9 awareness efforts in schools, community centers, and city departments to address
10 antisemitism and the continued integration of Jewish American culture into future programs,
11 activities, and ceremonies throughout the year; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board encourages the San Francisco Human Rights
13 Commission, Police Department, and other relevant agencies to create a safety plan to keep
14 Jewish residents safe at their homes, schools and synagogues and to direct resources
15 towards their protection; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board encourages the San Francisco Human Rights
17 Commission, Police Department, and other relevant agencies to strengthen reporting
18 mechanisms, improve hate crime data transparency, and ensure that victims of hate-based
19 incidents have access to trauma informed services and community-based support.
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