[Condemning Anti-Semitic Graffiti in Marin County]

CONDEMNING THE ANTI-SEMITIC GRAFFITI DIRECTED AGAINST MARIN COUNTY

ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE RUSS WEINER AND COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE

EFFORTS OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE IN SEARCH OF INFORMATION

LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERPETRATORS.

WHEREAS, On October 31, 1998, over thirty election signs throughout Marin County bearing the likeness of Marin Assembly Candidate Russ Weiner were defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti, including swastikas, horns and obscene expletives; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area is known for its rich cultural, ethnic and religious diversity; and

WHEREAS, Hate crimes directed against individuals because of race, religion, sexual orientation or cultural beliefs are not to be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has enacted numerous legislation against hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors unanimously supported State legislation relating to hate crimes, specifically State Assembly Bill 1765 which encouraged Alameda County to develop a model program for statewide application to prevent hate violence and violent responses to hate crimes (Resolution 288-94); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors unanimously supported Federal legislation relating to hate crimes, specifically Senate Bill 1624, which permanently reauthorized the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (Resolution 316-96); and

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WHEREAS, In December 1996 the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution to address hate crimes against immigrants; and

WHEREAS, In March 1997, as a result of repeated instances of graffiti and swastikas appearing in various locations and storefronts in the Sunset, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution condemning these anti-Semitic acts; and

WHEREAS, In May 1997, That Board of Supervisors passed legislation urging the creation of an Anti-Graffiti and Hate Crimes Program to address graffiti, vandalism and hate crimes, including developing a Citizens Youth Patrol, training of additional beat officers, including bilingual officers to work with the merchants and residents, and urging the San Francisco Art Commission, the Youth Commission and the San Francisco Unified School District to develop an Art Project to encourage young people to express their artistic endeavors and to sponsor an "Anti-Graffiti" Poster Contest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby condemns the anti-Semitic graffiti directed against Marin County Assembly Candidate Russ Weiner; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends and supports the efforts of the Anti-Defamation League in search of information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

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Resolution condemning the anti-semitic graffiti directed against Marin County Assembly candidate Russ Weiner and commending and supporting the efforts of the Anti-Defamation League in search of information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

November 9, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 9, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr

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Date Approved