

1 [Declaring Support for the Tree of Life Synagogue and the Global Jewish Community]

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3 **Resolution declaring support for the Tree of Life Synagogue and the global Jewish**
4 **community following the atrocious anti-Semitic shooting that killed eleven and injured**
5 **six others on October 27, 2018, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and repeating the call for**
6 **common sense gun laws to protect our families and communities.**

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8 WHEREAS, We all should be able to live and worship freely without fear of gun
9 violence. Yet once again, we have learned that hate armed with a gun is deadly.

10 WHEREAS, Whether worshipping at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, a historically African-
11 American Methodist church in Charleston, a Baptist church in Texas, or a Sikh temple in
12 Wisconsin, people should never have to worry about gun violence when praying or attending
13 services at their place of worship; and

14 WHEREAS, On October 24, in Kentucky, a gunman tried to enter a predominantly
15 African-American church. When he failed, he went to a nearby grocery store and shot and
16 killed two African-American customers; and

17 WHEREAS, On October 27, in Pittsburgh, a gunman entered a Shabbat service at
18 Tree of Life Synagogue, killing eleven and injuring six others; and

19 WHEREAS, Our hearts are with the Jewish community in Pittsburgh and all the families
20 who have been affected by the gun violence epidemic affecting our nation; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the last week, dozens of families became members of a club that no
22 one wants to join: the millions of Americans whose lives have been forever ripped apart by
23 gun violence; and

24 WHEREAS, In an average year, more than 10,300 hate crimes involve a firearm - more
25 than 28 each day; of those, and

1 WHEREAS, Over 2,000 were motivated by bias against a faith, most often anti-Semitic
2 or anti-Islamic prejudice; we must do more to disarm hateful people, and

3 WHEREAS, No other high-income nation accepts this horrifying level of gun violence; it
4 is up to us to make our voices heard and call on leaders at every level of government to put
5 the safety of our families and communities first, and

6 WHEREAS, In the words of Tree of Life rabbi Jeffrey Myers, who wrote recently about
7 gun violence, “We deserve better,” we deserve better gun laws; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco declares its support for the
9 Tree of Life Synagogue, the global Jewish community, and all communities ripped apart by
10 gun violence. Across our country, this terrifying shooting must be a reminder that the status
11 quo is unacceptable and that we as a nation can do better; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recommits to doing
13 everything possible to provide and promote common sense solutions to gun violence in order
14 to keep children, families, and communities safe.