FILE NO. 250688

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

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

WHEREAS, San Francisco is built on a foundation of inclusion, equity, and diversity, and stands firmly committed to protecting the rights and dignity of all people, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, In recent months, individuals and institutions in San Francisco have been targeted by acts of antisemitism, including repeated acts of vandalism directed at a Jewish-owned business in the Mission, verbal harassment directed at a Jewish faculty member at City College of San Francisco, the removal of a Jewish elected officials from a bar in the Mission, the violent and unprovoked assault of a Jewish man in the Marina and the ongoing harassment of parents and children at Jewish schools and synagogues throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, These incidents are part of a broader national trend of violent antisemitic activity, including the killing of two Israeli consulate staffers in Washington, DC, the firebombing of an event supporting Israeli hostages in Boulder, Colorado, and the arson of Governor Josh Shapiro's residence in Pennsylvania; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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June 24, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/24/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo **Clerk of the Board** 

Unsigned

**Daniel Lurie** Mayor

7/3/2025

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2,14.2.

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board

7/3/2025

Date