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Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's Resolution Condemning Anti-Semitism Passes Unanimously at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

San Francisco, CA — Today, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution condemning antisemitism and all forms of race- and religion-based violence, reaffirming the City's commitment to being a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for all.

Authored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman in collaboration with the Jewish Community Relations Council and Supervisor Myrna Melgar and co-sponsored by all District Supervisors, the resolution comes in response to a disturbing rise in antisemitic incidents both locally and nationwide. These include vandalism of a Jewish-owned business in the Mission, the assault of a Jewish man in the Marina, verbal harassment of a Jewish City College faculty member, and ongoing intimidation targeting Jewish families at schools and synagogues.

"This resolution is a clear statement that San Francisco stands with its Jewish residents and against antisemitism in all its forms," said **Supervisor Mandelman**. "These acts of hate—whether they are violent, verbal, or symbolic—are part of a broader pattern of rising bias-based violence that we must confront with unity and moral clarity."

In 2024, antisemitic incidents reached record highs across the United States. Locally, a survey conducted by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) found that 42% of Bay Area Jews reported witnessing or experiencing antisemitism in the past year. Statewide, anti-Jewish hate crimes rose by 53% in 2023, according to the California Department of Justice.

The resolution condemns antisemitism from across the political spectrum, rejects efforts to delegitimize Jewish identity and self-determination, and encourages City departments to take concrete steps to improve education, public awareness, and safety for Jewish San Franciscans. It also urges the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and Police Department to develop a comprehensive safety plan and improve hate crime reporting and victim services.

“In a time when hate is being weaponized to sow division and chaos, it is imperative that San Francisco takes a stand to confront the recent attacks on our Jewish residents and institutions, said **Supervisor Myrna Melgar**, “The fear is palpable, and we need our Jewish community members to know that San Francisco will not waver in upholding our principles to prevent and to protect our residents from discrimination and violence. Antisemitism in any form will not be tolerated; and we will do more to foster inclusion and respect in our community”

The resolution is part of a growing call for cities across the country to respond more proactively to antisemitism and hate-based violence. It emphasizes that while protest and civic engagement are essential to democracy, targeting individuals or institutions based on identity or perceived geopolitical affiliations is never acceptable.

“JCRC Bay Area applauds this unequivocal stand rejecting antisemitism and seeking to address it in government spaces. Let this be a call to stand together across divides. Every San Franciscan deserves safety, and every Jew deserves the opportunity to live their authentic Jewish lives without threat of violence,” said **Jonathan Mintzer**, Senior Director of Government Affairs at the Jewish Community Relations Council.