

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA CONDEMNING THE RECENT RISE IN ANTISEMITIC VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT TARGETING JEWISH PEOPLE, AND STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY ANTISEMITISM

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is an intergovernmental organization founded in 1998 which unites governments and experts to strengthen, advance and promote Holocaust education, research, and remembrance worldwide to uphold the commitments of the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust, and the IHRA has 34 member countries; and

WHEREAS, by a consensus vote by the members of the IHRA, an internationally recognized Working Definition of Antisemitism for use by governments and international organizations was adopted. That definition reads in full as follows:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish and community institutions and religious facilities.”

WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition is utilized by various governments and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, persuasive, and disturbing problem in society; and

WHEREAS, Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and around the world, and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, criminal acts are antisemitic when the target of the attacks are against the Jewish people or their property or where the attacks are selected because they are perceived to be linked to Jewish peoples; and

WHEREAS, contemporary examples of antisemitic violence may include the following: (1) calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jewish people (often in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion); (2) making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jewish people as such or

the power of Jewish people as a collective - especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jewish people controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions; and (3) accusing Jewish people as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, the state of Israel, or even for acts committed by non-Jewish people.

WHEREAS, Jewish houses of worship are increasingly targets of violent attacks in the United States, as evidenced by the deadly assaults on synagogues in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 2018 and Poway, California in 2019; and

WHEREAS, such antisemitic incidents are part of a broader increase in the number and intensity of antisemitic incidents in the United States and around the world, as evidenced by studies by the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry and hate crime statistics collected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, government institutions have a responsibility to protect all of its residents from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana as follows:

Section 1. The Santa Ana City Council condemns the recent rise in antisemitic violence and harassment targeting Jewish people, and standing in solidarity with those affected by antisemitism.

Section 2. The Santa Ana City Council hereby adopts the non-legally binding International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.

Section 3. As officials elected to represent all residents of the City of Santa Ana, efforts will be made to be active allies of the Jewish community and pledge to actively seek open lines of communication with the leaders of the organized Jewish community on issues pertaining to their constituency.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by City Council and the Clerk of Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this resolution.

ADOPTED this ____ day of January, 2021.

Vicente
Sarmiento
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: _____

AYES: Councilmembers _____

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _____

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

CERTIFICATION OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, DAISY GOMEZ, Clerk of the Council, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2022-XXX to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on _____.

Date: _____

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Clerk of the
Council
City of Santa Ana