SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.22 (ID # 20465)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, November 01, 2022

Kecia R. Harper

FROM: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: Approve Resolution 2022-216 Denouncing Antisemitism.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Resolution 2022-216 to denounce antisemitism and call for all Riverside County residents to join in stopping hatred, bigotry and prejudice.

ACTION:

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Hewitt, and Perez

Nays: None

Absent: None Clerk of the Board

Date: November 1, 2022 Exc: District 4, District 2

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

There has been an increase in antisemitism, hatred of Jewish people and people of the Jewish faith, in the United States and in Southern California as well. Antisemitic language, harassment and incidents of violence is appalling and should never be tolerated.

Over a recent weekend, on October 22, 2022, an antisemitic hate group gathered on a 405 freeway overpass in Los Angeles County hanging a banner in support of antisemitic remarks and doing Nazi salutes. Such sickening acts cause fear and concern that they will continue and fuel increasing hateful and violent acts targeted against people of Jewish heritage, identity and Jewish faith. They are part of an alarming climate in which, in 2021, according to the Anti-Defamation League, there were 2,717 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism against Jewish people in the U.S., the highest annual number on record by the organization since it began measuring antisemitic incidents in 1979.

Antisemitism is wrong, abhorrent, dangerous and contrary to the principles, foundations and values of our nation and county. Riverside County stands for openness, acceptance and diversity. Residents should never have to fear for their safety.

We are called on to shine a light on all forms of antisemitism and empower individuals and communities. We should unite Riverside County to root out hate and ignorance, and overcome prejudice and inhumanity through love and respect, tolerance, understanding and learning.

Resolution 2022-216 denounces acts of antisemitism and religious bigotry, stands in support of and in solidarity with the Jewish community against anti-Jewish bigotry and calls upon all Riverside County residents to rise to our duty of stopping hatred, bigotry and prejudice.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 2022-216

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM.

WHEREAS, all people deserve peace and respect over hate; and

WHEREAS, religious liberty is an unalienable human right, and among the foundations of our great country; and

WHEREAS, all people are created equal and there is no room for any form of intolerance in our society; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in antisemitism, hatred of Jewish people and people of the Jewish faith, in the United States and in Southern California as well; and

WHEREAS, over a recent weekend, on October 22, 2022, an antisemitic hate group gathered on a 405 freeway overpass in Los Angeles County hanging a banner in support of antisemitic remarks and doing Nazi salutes; and

WHEREAS, such sickening acts cause fear and concern that they will continue and fuel increasing hateful and violent acts targeting people of the Jewish faith; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, according to the Anti-Defamation League, there were 2,717 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism against Jewish people in the U.S., the highest annual number on record by the organization since it began measuring antisemitic incidents in 1979; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism is wrong, abhorrent, dangerous and contrary to the principles, foundations and values of our nation and county; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County stands for openness, acceptance and diversity; and WHEREAS, residents should never have to fear for their safety; and

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WHEREAS, we can stop the spread of hatred, bigotry and prejudice and overcome ignorance and inhumanity by teaching love and respect, tolerance, understanding and education; and

WHEREAS, there are resources that can help anyone educate one's self to recognize the forms of hate-based prejudice and how to combat them, including the Resources section on the Anti-Defamation League Web site at www.adl.org with a guide Antisemitism Uncovered, a comprehensive online resource that addresses the historical roots of antisemitism and deconstructs persistent antisemitic myths; the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino that researches hate crimes and extremism; as well as other resources in our communities such as the Holocaust Museum LA and the Desert Holocaust Memorial in Palm Desert and the Tolerance Education Center in Rancho Mirage that teach history and the accounts of those who suffered and survived atrocities and genocides in order to empower those who visit to take a more active role in creating a more humane society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors denounces acts of antisemitism and religious bigotry in all its forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors stands in support of and in solidarity with the Jewish community against anti-Jewish bigotry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all Riverside County residents to join in stopping hatred, bigotry and prejudice.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

Nays:

None None

Absent:

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KECIA_R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board

Deputy

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