

Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

Statement Condemning Antisemitism

Prepared for consideration at the committee's June 2023 meeting

Background:

Several versions of proposed statements condemning recent antisemitic acts have been reviewed and discussed at committee meetings.

Members of the public have weighed in each time, expressing diverse perspectives. These, as well as the perspectives of committee members, have been heard and taken into consideration.

The original statement was about acts that are no longer recent; because antisemitism itself is ongoing, the revised statement is relevant.

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The Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee strongly condemns all manifestations of antisemitism, in particular hate literature, hate speech and acts of violence toward the Jewish people. All are based on ignorance, stereotypes, prejudice and hostility; some on outright hatred.

Acts of antisemitism disrupt communities and social cohesion. They threaten Jewish people's human rights and their overall security.

Even lesser acts, such as making disrespectful comments and telling demeaning jokes, are harmful.

Antisemitic acts of any nature must not be tolerated. All individuals in our community have the right to participate in activities free from bigotry, discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

Members of the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee encourage residents to reflect on their own perceptions of Jews, to teach children to appreciate all people, and to call out bigotry when they see it.

The Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee works to promote the City of Culver City as a safe space, especially for voices and communities historically marginalized and silenced through hate speech, intimidation and violence.