



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

June 7, 2022

The Honorable Richard Bloom
Assemblymember, 50th District
1021 O Street, Suite 8130
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: State Budget Request: Commission on the State of Hate
City of Beverly Hills **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Bloom:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write in **SUPPORT** of your request to secure \$5 million in state funding to support the operations of the Commission on the State of Hate (Commission), which was established through your legislation, AB 1126, Chapter 726, Statutes of 2021. The mission of the Commission is to provide resources to various state agencies to inform the public on the state of hate; and to advise the Legislature, the Governor, and state agencies on policy recommendations to promote intersocial education designed to foster mutual respect and understanding among California's diverse population.

Recent mass shooting incidents in the State of New York, Texas and in our own state provide further evidence of the disturbing rise of hate crimes, especially violent hate crimes. According to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism's 2020 Report to the Nation, hate crime totals for 2019 hit their highest level in over a decade, with 7,314 hate crime "incidents" reported. In 2020, anti-Asian hate crimes alone surged by 149 percent. Tragically, these hate crimes are becoming more violent and more deadly with recorded increases in hate related homicides and violent assaults.

In California, anti-Semitic incidents have risen by 40 percent over the last five years. Brian Levin, executive director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State, San Bernardino, has said that in 2019, Jewish people were the "top target" of hate crimes in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. Since the late 2021, there have been numerous anti-Semitic flyers distributed in Beverly Hills and our neighboring cities. What makes this hate crime worse is the first incident occurred on Hanukkah and the most recent incident happened on Passover.

Hate crimes and acts of violent extremism are increasing at an alarming rate, with multiple cultural and ethnic groups being targeted. The Commission's work is more crucial than ever. We must bring the widest lens possible to detect these hate incidents wherever they occur.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT your budget request to support the Commission's important mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lili Bosse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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