

RESOLUTION 2022-3 DENOUNCING ANTISEMITISM

Adopted March 17, 2022

WHEREAS, there has been an alarming recent increase in verbal, physical and online attacks against Jews across America, and the world, including against individuals eating outdoors in Los Angeles, walking the streets in New York City, local Jewish-owned businesses, as well as in our public schools; in addition to synagogues, private Jewish schools and other communal gathering places have been targeted, threatened, or defaced; and

WHEREAS, According to a recent survey by the Anti-Defamation League, 63 percent of Jews surveyed have witnessed or experienced antisemitism over the past five years; more than 50 percent of Jews said they felt less safe in the U.S. today than they did a decade ago; and in January of 2022, a Texas rabbi and members of his congregation were held hostage for 11 hours, an ordeal that began during a religious service; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the San Mateo County Democratic Party has stood firmly against the oppression and discrimination of all people, specifically including antisemitism and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we condemn in no uncertain terms all acts of an antisemitic nature and strongly commit to every American's first amendment right to practice the religion of their choosing or no religion at all and we also acknowledge that Jewish identity for many, expands beyond a faith to culture, ethnicity, and heritage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Mateo County Democratic Party condemns in the strongest terms the most recent surge in antisemitism and commits to fighting back against antisemitism; working to uphold principles of equality, pluralism and inclusivity; and standing in solidarity with the Jewish community whenever they are targeted or marginalized.