

**2024-1 Resolution on Hate has No Place: Decrying the increase in US Antisemitism,  
Islamophobia, Anti-Palestinian and Anti-Israel Hate**

**Adopted Feb. 15, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Jews represent approximately 3% of the California population but, according to CA Department of Justice data, 62.4% of religious based hate crimes in the state in 2022 were perpetrated against the Jewish community; Muslims represent approximately 1% of the California population but, according to CA Department of Justice data, 8.3% of religious based hate crimes in the state in 2022 were perpetrated against the Muslim community; Antisemitism, Islamophobia, Anti-Palestinian, and Anti-Israel hate have risen significantly in California and in the United States since October 7, which has included attacks on multiple communities, including the Jewish, Palestinian, and overall Islamic community;

**WHEREAS**, Antisemitic and Islamic attacks such as the killing of a 6 year old Muslim child in Plainfield Illinois, and violence at protests, including the killing of a 69 year old Jewish man at a rally in Thousand Oaks California, as well as dangerous rhetoric and vandalism including swastikas on Synagogues and graffiti with hate messages for Jewish and Muslim groups making our communities feel increasingly unsafe;

**WHEREAS**, there has been an explosion of hate towards Jewish, Muslim, and Palestinian, and Israeli communities, in particular towards students on college campuses, including the targeting of a Muslim student at Stanford University who was intentionally run over by a car in a hit and run incident after being verbally assaulted, and social media posts by a professor and undergraduate faculty advisor at UC Davis who encouraged violence towards Jews and whose post ends with a knife emoji, a hatchet emoji and three drops of blood emojis, which has been escalating and creating unsafe classroom environments, including numerous attacks against students who sometimes require a police escort for their safety;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee reaffirms its commitment to fighting all forms of hate to ensure that all members of the community are respected and condemns the explosion of antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian and anti-Israel hate and hate that is being experienced by the communities on campuses, on social media, and in Democratic Party spaces, as well as condemning the sharp rise in Antisemitism and Islamophobia that is also increasing amongst members of our county and other communities in the state and nation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee opposes and denounces all efforts to justify attacks against communities in San Mateo County.

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