

1 [Recent Hate Speech and Violent Incidents]

2 **Motion condemning recent reports of hate speech and violent incidents fueled by**  
3 **hate, and approving a statement from the Youth Commission entitled “Statement**  
4 **on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks”.**

5 WHEREAS, Hate speech and violent incidents targeting Jewish, Muslim, and  
6 Arab people have increased dramatically since the outbreak of violence in Israel and  
7 Palestine; and

8 WHEREAS, This is a national trend which San Francisco is not immune to,  
9 including in schools and youth spaces in our city; and

10 WHEREAS, Young San Franciscans, like all people, have the right to free  
11 expression, protest, and personal political views, and it is essential these rights are  
12 protected while we work to combat and prevent hate and harassment; and

13 WHEREAS, Two high-profile incidents of hate-motivated speech and violence  
14 have occurred in San Francisco schools/their communities, including but not limited to  
15 the incidents of a Muslim middle school student having been assaulted by classmates  
16 while walking home, being accosted for their faith in the process, and an antisemitic  
17 hate symbol being drawn on the wall of a high school; and

18 WHEREAS, Recent incidents do not represent the views of most youth in San  
19 Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco is an inclusive, diverse community with values of  
21 acceptance and freedom of expression as core to our city; and, now, therefore be it

1            MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission stands with Jewish, Muslim,  
2 and Arab students who have recently faced increasing incidents of hate speech and  
3 violence in San Francisco schools and youth spaces; and be it

4            FURTHER MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission condemns all  
5 hate speech and violence fueled by hate; and be it

6            FURTHER MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission approves the  
7 attached statement entitled "Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent  
8 Attacks".

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5 **Supplemental Information:**

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7 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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## **Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks**

*San Francisco Youth Commission*

*Adopted x/x/x*

The San Francisco Youth Commission stands with Jewish, Muslim, and Arab students who have recently faced increasing incidents of hate speech and violence in San Francisco schools and youth spaces.

Recent reports have highlighted multiple instances of hate being directed towards Jewish, Muslim, and Arab students as tensions rise across the United States due to the ongoing conflict in Israel/Palestine. This includes but is not limited to: a Muslim middle school student being assaulted by classmates while walking home, being accosted for their faith in the process and an antisemitic hate symbol being drawn on the wall of a high school.

We all must be clear at this moment: hate has no home in San Francisco. The Youth Commission unequivocally condemns these acts of hate and calls for accountability for their perpetrators.

The Youth Commission calls for a plan from school district and city leaders to create a comprehensive plan to combat rising antisemitism and Islamophobia, to support student victims, and to create meaningful accountability for perpetrators.



Youth, like all people, have the right to free expression, protest, and personal political views. It is essential that this right is protected while we work to combat and prevent hate and harassment. The Youth Commission stands ready to work with student and adult leaders to make this happen.

*The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from across the City and County of San Francisco responsible for advising the Mayor and Board of Supervisors and policies impacting youth in San Francisco (San Francisco City Charter SEC. 4.124). The Youth Commission is a public body which encourages public input. Please contact the Youth Commission by emailing [youthcom@sfgov.org](mailto:youthcom@sfgov.org), calling (415) 554-6446, and/or writing to us at Room 345, San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, California 94102.*