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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill (Resolution)

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Introduced by: Councilmember Schleifer

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Condemning the Hamas Terrorist Attack on October 7, 2023 and Antisemitism

For the purpose of condemning the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel and standing in solidarity with the Jewish people in Israel, in Baltimore, and around the world to condemn antisemitism and genocide against the Jewish people.

Recitals

The Baltimore City Council stands in solidarity with the Jewish community in Baltimore and all around the world in the aftermath of the horrific Hamas terrorist attack on Israel that killed and injured thousands of innocent civilians in the region, including the elderly, men, women, and children.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends who lost loved ones in this appalling tragedy.

Our message to the Jewish community is clear and unequivocal. You are in our hearts and you are on our minds. We join you in your mourning and stand with you during this sorrowful time.

This attack was fueled by the same anti-Jewish and religious hate and rhetoric that has led to violence against communities of color in their houses and communities of worship, including Sikhs practicing in their gurdwara of Oak Creek, Wisconsin and African Americans celebrating in Mother Emanuel AME Church in South Carolina. It is not mere coincidence that this most recent attack occurred on a Jewish holiday when synagogues were filled with people gathering for holiday prayers and observances.

This type of shameful violence is a consequence of dangerous rhetoric and policies perpetuated by reactionary ideologues. Whether it's by separating families through the Muslim Ban, taking children away from their families at America's border, or by dehumanizing refugees in Europe, individuals who amplify these messages and implement these policies are only enabling hate and future attacks in hate's name.

In the aftermath of this terrible and cowardly attack, the Baltimore City Council resolves itself once again to condemn hate speech and violence in every form and demands the return of all hostages being held in Gaza. Further, the Council calls on citizens across Baltimore to stand with us in solidarity with our Jewish neighbors,

co-workers, and others to demonstrate that hate has no home in Baltimore City.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council condemns the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel and stands in solidarity with Jews in Israel, in Baltimore, and around the world to condemn anti-Jewish hate and fear.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the Mayor's legislative liaison.