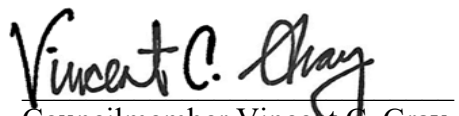


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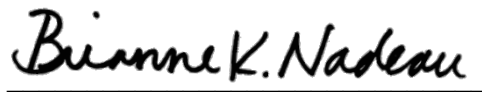

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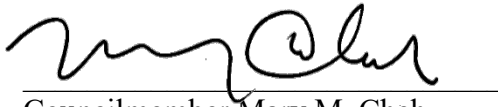

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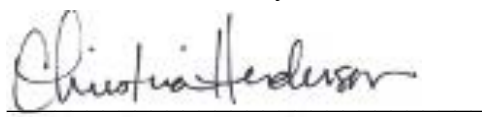

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the sense of the Council denouncing antisemitism and all hateful speech and bias-motivated violent actions in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

45 resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council Condemning Antisemitism Resolution of
46 2022”.

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48 Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

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50 (1) Antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin,
51 ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing
52 problem in contemporary American society.

53 (2) Antisemitism is a challenge to the basic principles of tolerance, pluralism, and
54 democracy, and the shared values that bind Americans and many allies together.

55 (3) Antisemitism threatens public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the
56 religious sphere.

57 (4) The Anti-Defamation League’s (ADL’s) data shows that antisemitic incidents are at a
58 historic high – three of the last four years have seen the highest number of antisemitic incidents
59 in the United States on record since ADL’s Center on Extremism began tracking this information
60 in 1979.

61 (5) According to the American Jewish Committee’s 2021 State of Antisemitism in
62 America report, one in four American Jews has been the target of antisemitism over the past 12
63 months including verbal or physical attacks, harassment online or on social media.
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67 (6) Antisemitism is multifaceted and multiform, manifesting in many ways, making it
68 easier to spread and harder to combat.
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70 (7) Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and blame
71 Jews for “why things go wrong,” it is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and
72 employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

73 (8) Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about
74 Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the
75 myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or Jews controlling the media, economy, government, or
76 other societal institutions – is antisemitic speech.

77 (9) Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing
78 committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews is an
79 example of antisemitism.

80 (10) Accusing Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating
81 the Holocaust is an especially hurtful example of this hatred.

82 (11)The use of symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of
83 Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis, drawing comparisons of
84 contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis, and holding Jews collectively responsible for
85 actions of the state of Israel are antisemitic actions.

86 (12) Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of
87 Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations, echoes antisemitic tropes of dual
88 loyalty.

89 (13) The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of
90 antisemitism, adopted by over 30 countries, and embraced by the United States under both
91 Republican and Democratic administrations, provides a road map to defining and rooting out
92 Antisemitism.

93 (14) The District of Columbia’s officials and institutions can play a powerful role in
94 promoting the values of tolerance and pluralism and in protecting citizens from acts of hate and
95 bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus, including antisemitism.

96 (15) The District of Columbia is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry, and
97 harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity
98 and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by
99 law within the limits of the First Amendment.

100 (16) The District of Columbia wishes to affirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive
101 community, including within the District’s operations and institutions.

102 (17) The diversity of our community is beneficial to all within it, making us stronger and
103 more resilient.

104 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that the District of Columbia affirms its ongoing
105 commitment to cultivate an inclusive, safe, and just society and culture that values the diversity
106 of our community, works to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society, and
107 celebrates both our individuality and commonality. The District of Columbia commits to
108 countering antisemitism and hate through engagement with community leaders, governmental
109 transparency and public information-sharing regarding efforts to fight antisemitism, and the
110 investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts, consistent with civil liberties
111 protections. The District of Columbia urges residents to join us by adopting these values in their
112 own lives, calling attention to these harms, and denouncing antisemitism, hate and extremism to
113 help keep us all safe.

114 Sec. 4. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its
115 adoption, to the Mayor.

116 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
117 the District of Columbia Register.