

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS DENOUNCING ANTISMITISM, ANTI-MUSLIM HATE, ANTI-PALESTINIAN RACISM, AND ANTI-ARAB RACISM, THE HAMAS TERRORIST ATTACKS OF OCTOBER 7, 2023, AND REAFFIRMING EVERY PERSON'S RIGHT TO SAFETY AND RIGHT TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR OF VIOLENCE OR INTIMIDATION

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas committed a heinous act of terrorism, and committed atrocities on noncombatants, and which terrorist acts were motivated by antisemitism;

WHEREAS, Hamas took more than 200 hostages as part of their unspeakable acts of terror;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of October 7, 2023, the Los Altos City Council recognizes that members of the Los Altos community have experienced acts of antisemitism, acts of anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab racism, anti-Muslim hate and bigotry, and other forms of intolerable racism and discrimination;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Altos recognizes and affirms all of its community members' rights to live in safety, without fear of violence, intimidation, or threat, based on their ethnic identity, religious beliefs or how they choose to express those beliefs;

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2017-07, the City Council of the City of Los Altos adopted a resolution reaffirming its commitment to a diverse, supportive, and inclusive community;

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2021-17, the City Council of the City of Los Altos cited resolution 2017-07 in denouncing intimidation, aggression and violence against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Altos and the Los Altos City Council:

1. Denounces Hamas as a terrorist organization, as recognized by the federal government of the United States of America, and specifically denounces Hamas' heinous and antisemitic terrorist attack and the taking of hostages on October 7, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Altos and the Los Altos City Council:

2. Affirms that support for the Palestinian people is not the same as support for Hamas and categorically denounces the notion that anyone supports terrorism because of their faith, ethnicity, or the manner in which they choose to express their faith;
3. Recognizes that members of the Los Altos Jewish, Muslim, Arab and Palestinian communities are hurt, anxious, and scared;

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4. Affirms that the City of Los Altos and the City Council stand united with all its community members to promote unity and to respect the rights of every person in Los Altos to practice and express their faith freely, openly, and without fear of violence, intimidation, or threat;
5. Denounces and condemns antisemitism, anti-Muslim hate, anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism, and other forms of intolerance, racism and discrimination;
6. Denounces and condemns all acts of violence, intimidation, and threat against anyone because of their faith or ethnicity, and anyone who holds Israeli-American or Palestinian-American identity;
7. Reaffirms that everyone has the right to express their ethnic identity or religious beliefs – including but not limited to their manner of dress or the display of religious icons;
8. Promotes the actual safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights for all persons; and
9. Calls upon all members of the Los Altos community to respect and listen to the concerns of others, to seek understanding, and to do their part to protect their neighbors' sense of physical and emotional security, as well as their own.

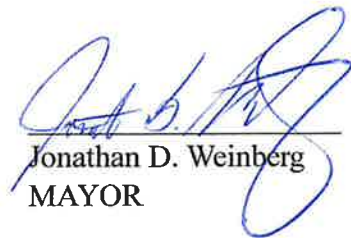
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a special meeting thereof on the 11th day of December, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Dailey, Fligor, Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg

NOES:


ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Jonathan D. Weinberg
MAYOR

Attest:



Melissa Thurman, MMC
CITY CLERK