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Thank you to the IAC for hosting this event. A special shout out and thank you to my good friend Deputy Chief Rodriguez for his close partnership and leadership at Operations Valley Bureau. You have made tremendous things happen under your command. Chief, thank you for your service to our great City. I am proud of the great work of the IAC and am honored to call many IAC supporters and members dear and close friends. You will always have my support.

The rise of anti-Semitism and hate throughout the country has reached epic and catastrophic proportions. Moreover, the amount of hate crimes and hate incidents against the Jewish community has been steadily rising here in Los Angeles. We cannot and will not stay silent as bad actors try to instill fear in our community. We will fight back and we will win, as we have for centuries.

In recent months I have accepted and been honored to be appointed to the Israeli Civic Action Network's National Taskforce to Combat Anti-Semitism, along with Chairman of the Taskforce, Former Los Angeles City Mayor Antonio Villaragosa. This taskforce will look at national trends and see what initiatives must be taken on a federal level, in order to fight the larger movement of anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism rears its ugly head throughout our City daily. From a swastika etched into the outside wall of a school to blatant acts of hate. From hitting a Rabbi while he's walking on Shabos to trying to run over congregants on a sidewalk returning from Shul. We must enact measures and protocols to secure our people.

Our focus must be turned towards the future, which includes a multi-pronged approach. The first is shoring up physical infrastructure security at Jewish institutions. The second is closing the gap of communication with law enforcement and relevant agencies. The third is educating our community on how to report acts of hate actively in real time and taking action. Lastly, we need more programs like that between the teen courts and the Museum of Tolerance, to understand the consequences of hate.

Although we do our part on the global and national levels to combat anti-Semitism, what is critical is our situation here locally. My office has been heavily engaged in facilitating all of these solutions at Synagogues and Yeshivas throughout my District. Actively bridging communication and procuring opportunities for security and vulnerability assessments, while also promoting and supporting initiatives that enhance and make more efficient Jewish community security.

Several years ago, for the first time in the history of our great City, my administration appointed a Director of Public Safety, Gregory Martayan. Through his close relationship and work with Chief Michel Moore, Assistant Chief Frank, Deputy Chiefs Zarcone / Eisenberg / Rodriguez, our Bureau and Divisional commands help as well as our state and federal public safety partners, we have been able to shore up safety and security initiatives that impact our greater community.

We have entered one of the most difficult times in history. My District is at the epicenter of many of the hate crimes and hate incidents against our people and I assure you that my staff works diligently to assure that public safety and neighborhood security remain our priority. I'd like to make clear that we must fight together with a unified voice against hate. We must not be afraid. When we see injustice we must speak up. When SJP came to UCLA and began to chant Intifada, I made sure we were there to protest the hate. Together we will make a better and safer Los Angeles and United States of America.

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Regards,

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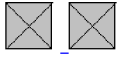


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