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Globally and within the United States we have seen an alarming rise in antisemitism. Recently in Mid City West we witnessed two attacks targeting citizens because of their Jewish ethnicity. At Sushi Fumi restaurant on La Cienega a group of unidentified men jumped out of an SUV, demanded to know which patrons were Jewish, and proceeded to violently attack the self-identified Jews.

That same night in the Fairfax district, a different group of unidentified men attempted to use their car to run over an Orthodox Jewish man. These are just two of the many recent antisemitic hate crimes that have taken place in Mid City West.

Our Council believes that there is no room for antisemitism in our district. This behavior violates our values as a community. We believe our best and brightest future comes from acknowledging our shared humanity and refusing to let our differences divide us.

We are disappointed by the silence on this matter from many of our elected officials. We call on each of you to vocally condemn antisemitism in all forms. This includes physical violence towards the Jewish people, denigration of Zionists, promotion of Hamas - a US and EU designated terrorist organization, antisemitic graffiti, the promotion of the BDS movement, and the inflammatory and inaccurate usage of language like, "ethnic cleansers", "apartheid supporters", and "colonizers" in reference to the Jewish people.

Sincerely,

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