

## **CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO STATEMENT**

### **CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM AND HATE TOWARDS MARGINALIZED GROUPS**

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San Luis Obispo is home to a thriving, diverse and welcoming community that fosters a strong sense of belonging and acceptance. Perhaps that is why our area was recently targeted by a small and fringe hate group seeking attention by distributing antisemitic fliers designed to heighten concern and reaction.

We won't address the content of the fliers to avoid amplifying them, but the conduct warrants response – particularly in the context of rising antisemitism nationally and globally.

The troubling trends of antisemitism are mirrored in hate and bigotry targeting Black, Latino, AAPI, LGBTQ+, Muslim and other often marginalized or minority groups. Whether fueled by animus, political division, social isolation, or ignorance, we reject the diminution of others' value based on their identity and immutable characteristics that contribute to it. These disgusting incidents intended to spread hate and fear provide an opportunity, as do other recent incidents targeting other groups, to reaffirm our conviction in the value of a diverse and inclusive community that respects and embraces the wide range of experiences, beliefs, and backgrounds that define it.

Our community is at its best when we come together to reject bigotry in all its forms.