

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 15  
In Support of Our Jewish Community**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara Community College District's Core Principles include: an environment that is psychologically and physically supportive of teaching and student learning; a free exchange of ideas in a community of learners that embraces the full spectrum of human diversity; and a commitment to excellence in all endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, antisemitism has long existed in our global, national, and local societies. Holocaust Remembrance Day was recently observed by a resolution of the County of Santa Barbara on January 27 2023 in order to remember state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, in which six million Ashkenazy and Sephardic Jews were murdered (among which were one and a half million children); and Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including LGBTQ+ individuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, journalists, and judges, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting the Anti-Defamation League's Santa Barbara/Tri-Counties Office reported a 34% increase in antisemitic incidents reported in the tri-county area (Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo) and noted that antisemitism rises in times of polarization, distrust in government institutions, and threats to public welfare (including pandemics); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2022, the first day of Hanukkah, residents of the Mesa, Westside, and Hidden Valley in the City of Santa Barbara received antisemitic fliers at their doorstep; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2023 a classroom at University of California, Santa Barbara was defaced and included antisemitic messages; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2023 residents of Isla Vista received similar antisemitic fliers at their doorsteps; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara City College recognizes the need and right of all students and employees to participate in all our campus has to offer free of hate, discrimination, or fear of violence; and,

**WHEREAS**, our District wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of our many students, faculty, classified professionals and administrators for participating in personal and professional opportunities that increase our collective ability to treat one another with kindness and respect.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Barbara Community College District calls on all in the larger Santa Barbara community to join us in condemning anti-Semitic attacks against Jewish community members in all forms and in renewing our commitment to speak out against such attacks, defend and protect those targeted, and seek justice and accountability against those who commit hate crimes against anyone; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees at Santa Barbara City College Board stands with the Jewish community, including Jewish students and employees at SBCC, and calls on all in the larger Santa Barbara community to join us in realizing our vision as we strive to build a socially conscious community where knowledge and respect empower individuals to transform our world.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Santa Barbara Community College District again denounces and has zero tolerance for antisemitism, racism, white supremacy, xenophobia, hate crimes, hateful rhetoric, and hateful acts against Jewish community members, and works to ensure that Jewish students/employees feel safe and welcome on campus and encourages all employees and students to report instances of discrimination on campus or through District communications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Santa Barbara Community College District recognizes and celebrates the contributions and presence of our Jewish community in our district and campus and supports tangible ways of doing so, including ongoing efforts for employee training and policy review.

Aye: Trustees Everett, Miller, Stoddard, Gullap-Moore, Abboud, and Croninger.

No: None

Absent: Trustee Gallardo

Abstain: None

Concur: Student Trustee Rajaosera



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Jonathan Abboud, President  
Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees



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Kindred Murillo, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent/President and  
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees