

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CENTER, INC.

"One Community, No Exclusion"

June 15, 2024

Hon. Adrienne Adams
Speaker of the Council of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Madam Speaker:

At this moment of crisis, with anti-Jewish hate and bigotry surging, ADC believes that it is important for the Council not to focus on events in Gaza, over which the Council has no authority or influence, but rather on intensifying the fight to make real the oft made but underdelivered promise that "there is no place for hate in New York City."

A draft Resolution follows below.

Respectfully,

Craig Gurian

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Executive Director

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York:

- 1) Deplores the explosion of anti-Jewish hate and bigotry in our City.** [Note that the usual "equal time" addendum of "and all other forms of hate and bigotry" is not included. This is a *particularized* crisis.]
- 2) Acknowledges the frequency with which "anti-Zionism" is used as but a feeble cover for anti-Jewish hate and bigotry.** [The crimes at the home of the Brooklyn Museum director and on the subway are just recent illustrations of a much larger and deeply pernicious phenomenon.]
- 3) Demands the Mayor immediately mobilize the resources of all relevant City agencies to conduct criminal and civil investigations and prosecutions into those acts of anti-Jewish hate and bigotry that violate the Penal Law or the Human Rights Law.** [This is an emergency and should be treated as such; it is not just NYPD that needs to do more.]
- 4) Implores the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. Attorneys for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York to establish a Joint Task Force on Anti-Jewish Hate and Bigotry in New York City to investigate and prosecute violations of federal law.** [Many such violations are being committed and the violators are becoming ever more emboldened.]