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Beverly Hills City Council Condemns Attack in New Zealand

Beverly Hills, Calif. (March 15, 2019) – The Beverly Hills City Council today condemned the horrific murders of dozens of innocent civilians in New Zealand.

“Our hearts break for the people of New Zealand,” said Mayor Julian Gold. “Once again, an unimaginable tragedy has left lives in senseless ruin and we can only pray for the day when we can live in peace.”

Authorities say a gunman opened fire in two mosques in Christchurch and streamed the incident on social media. A manifesto belonging to the alleged gunman was later discovered and included references to white supremacy and praised mass murder.

“In the face of this assault on humanity, we must unite to eliminate Islamophobia in all of its despicable forms,” added Vice Mayor John Mirisch. “As a Jew representing a large Jewish community, I stand in solidarity with Muslims around the world and express my deepest sympathies to the families of the victims.”

The City of Beverly Hills’ flag will be lowered to half-staff in honor of the victims. The City Council plans to remember those lost with a moment of silence at the upcoming City Council meeting of March 20.

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