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Statement from Beverly Hills City Council
Regarding Conflict in the Middle East

Beverly Hills, CA – The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas is painful to witness. After a peaceful period in recent years, lives are once again being lost in senseless violence emerging from a place of hate.

There have been increased acts of antisemitism including here in the Los Angeles area where people gathered for dinner were apparently attacked simply for being Jewish.

As one of the only Jewish-majority cities outside of Israel, we feel particularly concerned with the rise of antisemitism and call for an end to the assaults and rhetoric. Any calls to support BDS or call out Israel in a discriminatory fashion by encouraging a boycott are unjustifiable and should be rejected outright. This City Council will always speak out against discrimination against Jews or any other group.

Nations have the right to defend themselves and the Beverly Hills City Council calls for peace and security in the world and right here at home. Violence and hate have no place anywhere.

We are particularly thinking of our brothers and sisters in our sister city of Herzliya during this difficult time. Please be assured the Beverly Hills Police Department is actively monitoring the situation and is prepared to keep our residents and visitors safe.

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