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## **Beverly Hills City Council Condemns Airbnb and Calls for Boycott**

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills City Council has unanimously passed a resolution condemning Airbnb's decision to remove listings of rentals in Israeli settlements in the West Bank and is encouraging a boycott of the web service.

"We find the actions of Airbnb deplorable," said Mayor Julian Gold. "On behalf of our residents, this unanimous resolution reflects the City Council's ongoing commitment to Israel and to exposing hatred anywhere it exists."

The Israeli-Jewish Congress and human rights leaders have also publicly opposed the company's actions.

"Airbnb is not welcome in Beverly Hills as long as its policies are based on anti-Jewish double standards," added Vice Mayor John Mirisch. "Jew hatred is a disease. We can try to inoculate others against this malady but we also must protect ourselves against its effects."

Below is the text of the City of Beverly Hills resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-

## RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS OPPOSING ANTI-SEMITISM BY AIRBNB

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills is an international tourist destination with visitors from all over the world;

WHEREAS, Airbnb is a widely used accommodations service with significant influence worldwide;

WHEREAS, Airbnb's decision to remove all listings in Jewish settlements in the West Bank demonstrates hatred, prejudice, ignorance and hypocrisy;

WHEREAS, Airbnb's actions are antithetical to the values that we hold dear in Beverly Hills;

WHEREAS, the Israeli-Jewish Congress and human rights leaders have opposed the company's reckless act;

WHEREAS, prejudice and discrimination based on religion have no place in our community, country and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The City of Beverly Hills hereby opposes Airbnb's discriminatory decision to remove all listings in Jewish settlements in the West Bank.
- <u>Section 2.</u> The City of Beverly Hills hereby calls upon Airbnb to correct this act of disrespect to the land of Israel and restore its original services immediately.
- <u>Section 3</u>. In the event that Airbnb does not stop, we call upon all civilized people across the globe to boycott Airbnb until such time as they desist from these despicable anti-Semitic actions.

<u>Section 4.</u> The Assistant City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and her certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of this City.

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