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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 9:15 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] HRC Commissioner Statement - S500

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Good morning,
I hope this email finds you well. My name is Tyler Duncan, District 7 Human Relations Commissioner. Please find the attached letter regarding the resolution being brought before the San Diego City Council today, concerning the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism (S500). Please review and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Tyler Duncan

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Tyler Duncan

March 17th, 2026

To: San Diego City Council

Re: S500

I am writing regarding the discussion of the resolution brought before the San Diego City Council concerning the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of Antisemitism. The mission of the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission (HRC) is to create an atmosphere that promotes amicable relations among all members of the San Diego community. In an effort to advance this mission, the HRC voted to support the IHRA working definition of antisemitism.

While public comment and posting requirements were followed during this process, it has become clear that the HRC may have benefited from hearing multiple perspectives before making such an impactful decision. I believe this can be remedied by inviting three (3) additional experts, representing fields such as Holocaust history, Middle Eastern studies, academic freedom, freedom of speech, and diverse religious leadership, to provide further insight on this topic.

Therefore, I am asking the City Council to delay today's vote and allow the HRC to revisit this language at a future meeting, where Commissioners can hear from additional experts before making a final recommendation.

Sincerely,

Tyler Duncan

HRC Commissioner

Rickie Brown

HRC commissioner

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From CLK City Clerk <CityClerk@sandiego.gov>

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Please include this submission in the official record for today's City Council meeting.

Dear City Clerk and Members of the City Council,

I attended today's meeting on the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism and had hoped to speak, but was not able to due to time constraints. I am submitting this comment for the record.

I strongly support adopting the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism.

I want to address a key concern raised during the meeting: that this definition would limit criticism of Israel or advocacy for Palestinians. That is not accurate. The IHRA definition clearly states that criticism of Israel, similar to that directed at any other country, is not antisemitic. People can and should continue to speak openly about policies, governments, and human rights.

What this definition does is help clarify when language crosses the line into antisemitism. This includes things like using harmful stereotypes about Jews, denying the Jewish people the right to self-determination, or comparing Israel or Jews to Nazis. These are not policy critiques, they are forms of hate that have real and lethal impacts on Jewish communities.

There were also important concerns raised about anti-Muslim and anti-Palestinian discrimination. These issues matter deeply and deserve attention and action. Addressing antisemitism does not take away from that. In fact, having clear definitions for different forms of hate helps us respond to all of them more effectively.

At the same time, antisemitism remains one of the most common forms of religious hate crime in the United States, making up a disproportionate number of reported incidents compared to the size of the Jewish population. This is why clear tools like the IHRA definition are needed.

It is also important to understand where this definition comes from. The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is made up of governments and experts focused on Holocaust education and understanding antisemitism. This is not a political or fringe definition. It is widely used around the world because it is practical and grounded in real experience.

The IHRA definition does not restrict speech. It provides guidance. It helps distinguish between legitimate discussion and harmful rhetoric.

At a time when antisemitism is rising, adopting this definition is a clear and responsible step to support Jewish residents while continuing to protect open dialogue for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jessica
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