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## **Statement Regarding Beverly Hills Hate Flyer Incident**

**Beverly Hills**, **CA** – On Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 11:43 p.m., the Beverly Hills Police Department responded to a call from a resident who reported finding flyers containing hate speech. When officers surveyed the area, they discovered that flyers distributed throughout the southwest side of the City appear to be similar to those used in a previous incident that occurred in the City on November 28, 2021.

The flyer, a single 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, contains propaganda style hate speech related to the COVID pandemic and the Jewish people. Over 200 flyers have been collected from the neighborhood.

The Beverly Hills City Council would like to remind all who commit acts of hatred toward members of our community that these cowardly acts and any divisive attempts of intimidation will be rejected outright.

As a City that is made up of a diverse population and being one of the only Jewish-majority cities outside of Israel, the City condemns this unwarranted hate speech that has been unsuccessfully used to disparage a community that has, and always will, stand strong together and fight hatred of any kind.

Senseless acts like this have no home here and will never be accepted. Our community is home to families of survivors of the Holocaust who have seen evil and will never give in to such attacks.

The Police Department is thoroughly investigating and will be providing additional patrols along with private security throughout the City to ensure a safe holiday season.

Please report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1 or the non-emergency dispatch number, 310-550-4951.

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