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Beverly Hills City Council Sharply Condemns Decision by 'Ben & Jerry's' to End Sales in Israeli Settlements

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills City Council unanimously condemned this week's decision by Ben & Jerry's to stop selling its ice cream products in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

"The actions of this company are antithetical to the values that we hold dear in Beverly Hills," said Mayor Bob Wunderlich. "This City Council has always conveyed an ongoing commitment to Israel and exposing hatred anywhere it exists."

At a meeting on Thursday afternoon, all members of the City Council expressed their deep disappointment with the company and reaffirmed their concern about the rise of anti-Semitism.

The Beverly Hills City Council has a history of condemning prejudice and discrimination based on religion by taking strong actions including:

- A resolution in 2016 to support State Assembly Bill 2844 combatting the boycott, divestment, and sanctions ("BDS") of Israel Act of 2016;
- A resolution in 2019 condemning the California Department of Education for the draft curriculum of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC) as it demonstrated a clear anti-Jewish bias that is anti-Semitism;
- Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of anti-Semitism in 2020;
- Adoption of a resolution opposing the decision of the United Nations High Commissioner for human rights to release a list of companies that do business in Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

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