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Dear Mayor Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem Massey and Councilmembers Francois, Saemann and Deto,

We, the undersigned rabbis of the South Bay Jewish community, were overwhelmed with dread and disgust when, through the livestream recording, we heard the reprehensible hate-filled antisemitic rhetoric that was brought into your chambers during the open call portion of last week's Hermosa Beach City Council meeting. While we are all extremely disturbed to be reminded, once again, that this sort of hatred has a voice in our community, the sole purpose of our communication today is to express our gratitude. We are thankful to you for your rapid and unequivocal condemnation of this vitriol, for acknowledging the severity of the situation, and for the proactive measures that you are taking to protect the citizens of Hermosa Beach.

It is a great comfort to know that while there are people out there who target our community for no reason other than our religious affiliation, we are not left on our own to decry their efforts. We feel your support and your partnership as we all work to build a better future for our entire South Bay community.

In gratitude and blessing,

Rabbi Toba August, Temple Shalom of the South Bay, Hermosa Beach
Rabbi Tzvi Graetz, Congregation Ner Tamid, Rancho Palos Verdes
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