MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 21-37: RESOLUTION OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT DENOUNCING ANTI-SEMITISM, DISCRIMINATION AND BIGOTRY

This resolution condemns discrimination and bigotry against minorities as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contrary to the values and aspirations of the Mountain View Los Altos School District, the State of California, and the United States.

WHEREAS, the first amendment to the Constitution established the United States as a country committed to the principles of tolerance and religious freedom, and the 14th amendment to the Constitution established equal protection of the laws as the heart of justice in the United States;

WHEREAS, all Americans, including Jews, Muslims, and Christians and people of all faiths and no faith, have a stake in fighting anti-Semitism, as all Americans have a stake in fighting every form of bigotry and hatred against people based on religion, race, or place of birth and origin

WHEREAS, anti-Semitism is the centuries-old bigotry and form of racism faced by Jewish people simply because they are Jews;

WHEREAS, Jews are at least three times more likely to experience a hate crime in America than any other ethnic group; The Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2021, released its Hate Crime Statistics Report highlighting troubling trends related to hate crimes against Jews reporting Jewish people were the targets of over 60% of religious bias-related hate crimes and targeted at significantly higher rates than any other religious group.

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to ensure the safety and security of our communities, including schools, synagogues, mosques, cemeteries, and other institutions;

WHEREAS, adherence to these principles is vital to the progress of the American people and the diverse communities and religious groups of the Mountain View Los Altos Unified School District, State of California and the United States:

WHEREAS, bigotry, discrimination, oppression, racism, threaten American democracy and have no place in our community discourse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District:

(1) condemns unconstitutional profiling against anyone because of their race, religion, nationality, political, or particular social group, including the assignment of blame or targeting members of an entire religious group for increased suspicion, based on the conduct of a single individual or small group of individuals;

- (2) condemns anti-Semitic acts and statements as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values that define the Mountain View Los Altos High School District;
- (3) encourages confrontation and acknowledgement of the reality of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism, and other forms of bigotry, as well as historical struggles against them, to ensure that the Mountain View Los Altos School District will live up to the transcendent principles of tolerance, religious freedom, and equal protection as embodied in the district policy and procedure as well as State and Federal Law as memorialized in our United States Constitution.
- (4) rejects attempts to justify hatred or violent attacks as an acceptable expression of disapproval or frustration over political events in the Middle East or elsewhere.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District on June 14, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _ NOES: _ ABSTAIN: _ ABSENT:	
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Dr Nellie Mever	Superintendent