

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

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READ IN: REWARD RE-ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE VANDALISM ACTS AT THE PASADENA JEWISH TEMPLE AND CENTER

On Sunday, January 11th, the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center—which was destroyed in the January 2025 Eaton Fire—was further traumatized by an act of hate-motivated vandalism. This incident affected a community still in the process of recovering from the Eaton Fire, with many of its congregation members displaced or actively rebuilding their homes and lives.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is leading the investigation and confirmed that it is investigating the incident as a hate crime and act of vandalism. I introduced a reward motion on January 13th to help encourage someone to come forward with any information. To date, investigators have not identified any leads.

Unfortunately, on July 24, a mural at the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center was also defaced with antisemitic graffiti. The mural—featuring a large bright orange poppy flower—was created as “a symbol of hope, resilience, and solidarity” in response to the previous antisemitic vandalism that targeted one of the last remaining walls of the synagogue. This latest act is also being investigated as a hate crime.

Acts of hate have no place in our community. We must stand in solidarity with our Jewish community and reaffirm our commitment to fostering an environment of respect, inclusion, and understanding. Anyone with information about either the January or July incidents is urged to either contact the Altadena Sheriff’s Station, the Sheriff’s Department Major Crimes Bureau- Hate Crimes Taskforce, or the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors re-establish the offer of a reward and increase the amount to \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous acts of vandalism at the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center.

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