City Commissioner

Honorable Nicole Murray Ramirez

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Chair Nash and Members of the San Diego County Human Relations Commission:

Our upcoming September 19, 2023 meeting will be the most important meeting since our Commission was reinstated as the eyes of San Diego County, many communities and the media will be upon us.

A dark cloud continues to hang over our Commission and we must not continue to ignore the hurt and damage this Commission has caused, especially when it comes to the Jewish and LGBTQ Communities.

Thus, I am asking for the following to be put forth at our September 19 meeting as agenda items:

- 1. A vote on the enclosed Resolution.
- 2. For the second time, nominating and requesting a vote from our Commission for Rabbi Devorah Marcus to be appointed to our Commission.

In my countless discussions with elected officials, community leaders, and organization heads who have reached out to me, one thing has become very clear—this Commission must send a strong signal to everyone that we are making changes. That especially includes taking a stand against hate speech, against antisemitism, and against homophobia.

In all due respect, it has become very clear that community leaders also believe that Chair Nash should step down as Chair as she has definitely lost the confidence and support of countless Jewish and LGBTQ organizations and leaders, as well as many other community leaders.

If this Commission does not take strong, meaningful stands at our September 19 meeting, our credibility will always be in question.

Respectfully,

Nicole Murray Ramirez