



## SANTA CLARA COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

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Over the last week, several jurisdictions in our county had antisemitic flyers distributed in their communities. These flyers, amongst other things, placed blame on the Jewish community for the COVID-19 pandemic. While these hate incidents are currently being investigated and may not ultimately be criminal in nature, the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association (SCCPCA) wants to make it clear we stand united with the Jewish communities throughout Santa Clara County in the face of abhorrent antisemitism.

As law enforcement leaders in Santa Clara County, we are committed to protecting our communities. While the role of each of our departments is to uphold the law, including free speech, we do not support hate speech and have zero tolerance for hateful rhetoric or prejudice within our communities. We are acutely aware of what happens when hate is allowed to thrive unfettered and unchallenged and are committed to keeping our communities safe.

In the fight against antisemitism, we all have to stand up and combat hatred. No one should feel vulnerable or at-risk simply due to their religious affiliation. Hate speech, as well as the hatred and bigotry that drives other antisemitic acts, is an attack that is inexcusable in any context.

We urge everyone in our county to stand together with us against hate. An attack against the Jewish community is an attack on all of us.

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