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'Haym Salomon' via Clerk-PLUM-Committee <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

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Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Before you attract additional negative attention to our fair City by encouraging a Mexican/Catholic organization to demolish a Jewish Synagogue, please read the attachment to this message and consider some alternatives.

I. Amend the LA Municipal Code

Amend Section 51.03, Article 16, Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 51.03. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

A. No person shall discriminate against another person in ~~private~~ employment, housing, education, government or commerce, because of that person's actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, religion, citizenship status, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition, genetic information, lineage or casta/caste, marital status, source of income, military status, veteran status, or primary language.

II. Restore Haym Salomon Day to Los Angeles

Re-establish January 6 of each year as "Haym Salomon Day," by making Boyle Heights Jewish again, beginning with an annual patriotic parade through Boyle Heights and an interfaith commemorative ceremony in Hollenbeck Park.

An annual day of unity celebrating a Jewish-American Patriot would be a much better look than a destroyed Jewish synagogue in the heart of Los Angeles.

Proposed Resolution and Amendment.pdf
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MISSING PERSON

Los Angeles Police Department
100 West 1st St Los Angeles LA 90012
January 6, 2024

DR# 20-03-1951

HAYM SALOMON Age: 78 years
Nose Broken & Eye Gouged Out by Pachucos



Male, Sephardic Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown,
Height: 12' Weight: 13 tons

**HAYM SALOMON was last known to be in the area of
ST LOUIS between 4TH and 6TH Streets at Hollenbeck Park
in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles on March 20, 1951**

If you have seen or have any information regarding the whereabouts of the **HAYM SALOMON** statue, please contact the Los Angeles Police Department's Missing Persons Unit at **213-996-1800**. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

RESOLUTION
Annual Haym Salomon Day

A RESOLUTION TO RESTORE RECOGNITION OF HAYM SALOMON DAY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING A PARADE AND COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY IN HOLLENBECK PARK.

WHEREAS, Haym Salomon was an American Patriot, a friend and confidant of General George Washington and the main fundraiser in America's war for liberty against the British Empire;

WHEREAS, he spent all of his energies and his fortune promoting the cause of Liberty, dying January 6, 1785 uncelebrated and penniless, despite owning hundreds of thousands of dollars of worthless Revolutionary War Bonds, which were defaulted on by the Revolutionary Army;

WHEREAS, one of the first memorials to celebrate the efforts of this Jewish immigrant was a statue placed in Hollenbeck Park in Boyle Heights on January 6, 1944 on the anniversary of his death;

WHEREAS, at that time, the Jews of East Los Angeles (including Boyle Heights, City Terrace and nearby areas) numbered between 75,000 and 95,000;

WHEREAS, placement of the Haym Salomon memorial statue was accompanied by an interfaith commemorative program in the park and a parade which began at the corner of Brooklyn Avenue and Soto Street, passing east on Brooklyn to State Street, continuing south on State to Fourth Street, and east on Fourth to Cummings Street, which was the entrance to Hollenbeck Park;

WHEREAS, Haym Salomon Day was traditionally celebrated in Boyle Heights each January with ceremonies, speeches, music and a parade;

WHEREAS, during and subsequent to World War II, the demographics of Boyle Heights changed significantly, mainly with an influx of Mexicans and a departure of Jews;

WHEREAS, many working Jewish residents of the East Side did not voluntarily abandon their neighborhood and 25 synagogues but were forced out by a combination of violence perpetrated by a few pachuco hoodlums, blockbusting activities by a Japanese realtor, defunding of social organizations by Jewish leaders on the West Side, and political deal-making which traded support for electing a Mexican, Edward Roybal, to the City Council in 1949, in return for two "Jewish" council seats on the West Side;

WHEREAS, violence toward the Jewish population manifest itself in the continuing defacement of the Haym Salomon statue in Hollenbeck Park (which was moved from that location March 20, 1951) and in attacks on Jewish children by pachucos;

WHEREAS, a Jewish population of as many as 95,000 was reduced to less than 10 men within a generation, something that had only occurred during the Spanish Inquisition in the 1400's, the Nazi extermination of Jews in the 1940's and the Muslim retaliation against the Jews following establishment of the State of Israel in 1948;

WHEREAS, celebration of the American Patriot Haym Salomon has been neglected and incidents of Anti-Semitism in Los Angeles have increased dramatically, including cyberstalking, cyber harassment and physical attacks on an immigrant Jewish businessman in Boyle Heights led by a self-professed neo-pachuco born and raised in La Mirada who was triggered by the Jew's expression of patriotism, by his attempt to make Boyle Heights Jewish again, and by the Jew's refusal to recognize a neo-pachuco as the "ritual Jewish leader" of Boyle Heights;

WHEREAS, instead of addressing the problem of universal racism and violence, the City Council, spearheaded by a racist Councilmember (Kevin Alexander Leon) in concert with a self-professed neo-pachuco now on the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (Sammy Gonzales Lamberson), focused on "White Racism" from 1943 and recently passed a resolution applauding pachucos who set off the "Zoot-Suit" riots, without acknowledging and apologizing for the racist, Anti-Semitic violence perpetrated by pachucos on many of the Jewish children of East Los Angeles over a period of several years;

WHEREAS, January 6 of 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of Haym Salomon Day in the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, it is time to ask, "Boyle Heights, where are your Jews?" (¿Dónde están sus Judíos?) and to overcome the Anti-Americanism, Anti-Semitism, racism and violence of the past and to move into the future with respect and fellowship for all people, including Jews; and

WHEREAS, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, the Los Angeles City Council and the City of Los Angeles must apologize for responding to these racialized attacks by evacuating working Jews to the San Fernando Valley and other Jews to the West Side rather than seeking to protect the community that was directly targeted in this brutal multi-year assault;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council and the City of Los Angeles by adoption of this resolution hereby apologize to the Jewish people and communities impacted by the vandalism of the Haym Salomon statue and for the violence perpetrated by pachucos in helping to drive as many as 95,000 Jews from Boyle Heights and other parts of Jewish East Los Angeles and re-establish January 6 of each year as "Haym Salomon Day," by making Boyle Heights Jewish again, beginning with an annual patriotic parade through Boyle Heights and an interfaith commemorative ceremony in Hollenbeck Park.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 51.03 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE, PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S LINEAGE OR CASTE DERIVED FROM THE CASTA SYSTEM INTRODUCED BY SPANISH COLONIZERS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND MEXICO, WHICH INCLUDED THE PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES.

WHEREAS, casta or caste is a system of racist social discrimination characterized by hereditary status, endogamy, and social barriers sanctioned by custom, law, or religion;

WHEREAS, casta or caste discrimination is based on lineage, which can include genealogy or genetic information, and occurs in the form of social segregation, physical and psychological abuse, or violence;

WHEREAS, indigenous communities refer to the original, diverse societies with their own identities that constitute an integral part of the Americas and other regions;

WHEREAS, indigenous communities have suffered from historic injustices as a result of Spanish and Mexican colonization, the casta system and the dispossession of indigenous lands, languages, territories and resources, thus preventing them from exercising their right to development in accordance with their own needs or interests;

WHEREAS, the majority of the indigenous communities in the City of Los Angeles originate from Los Angeles itself (the Gabrielino-Tongva or San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians and the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians), Mexico (Oaxacans), the Philippines (Negrito-Dumagat, Igorot-Ifugao), the First Communities of California and other communities, including those from Guatemala or other regions of Central and South America;

WHEREAS, a racist, neo-casta political syndicate with a pattern of criminally deceptive behavior spanning years and multiple persons manifest itself a year ago in the conversations of several Mexican-Americans, some of whom were members of the Los Angeles City Council, along with a Chinese-Guatemalan-American (Kevin Alexander Leon) who self-identifies as Mexican and, despite a brief exile, has remained embedded in the City Council;

WHEREAS, the surname this person has unofficially adopted, de León, is derived from the city of León and the Spanish region called Castile and León, where in the late 1400's, the Catholic Monarchs Isabella and Ferdinand dispossessed as many as 150,000 Jews of their lands and resources through confiscatory taxation and permanent exile in order to finance the enterprises of various Spanish imperialists who colonized the Americas and maintained their power through the racist casta or caste system;

WHEREAS, the California Governor vetoed a law with a flawed definition of "ancestry" which fails to address the racist Spanish/Mexican colonial system of casta that has persisted in Los Angeles since the founding of the pueblo by two "white" Spaniards and their 42 accompanying servants of mixed race and color who were considered to be of various lower-level castas, with black-skinned people at the bottom of the hierarchy;

WHEREAS, the progressive metropolis of Fresno, California has already passed a law dealing mainly with Indian religious caste discrimination and a limited form of “indigeneity,” while its sister metropolis of Los Angeles has not considered any ordinances or amendments to law that would effectively subdue and eliminate the racist Spanish/Mexican colonial version of this manifest system of racism;

WHEREAS, instead of addressing the problem of universal racism and violence, the City Council, spearheaded by a racist Councilmember in concert with a self-professed neo-pachuco born and raised in La Mirada, now on the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (Sammy Gonzales Lamberson), focused on “White Racism” from 1943 and recently passed a resolution applauding pachucos, who set off the “Zoot-Suit” riots, without acknowledging and apologizing for the violence perpetrated by pachucos on black, white and indigenous military men and their families during World War II and on civilians in the City of Los Angeles during and after the war;

WHEREAS, a syndicate of racist Spanish/Mexican colonial casta or caste discrimination remains embedded in the City Council, and in the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, and continues to manifest itself in oppressing indigenous and black people with respect to employment, education, commerce, government and housing in Los Angeles;

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

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