

MOTION

The California Penal Code currently addresses certain hate crimes with punishments ranging from a fine to imprisonment. Unfortunately, the crime of littering mostly results in an infraction with only a fine as punishment.

The deliberate mass dissemination of flyers, pamphlets and letters as litter to deliver antisemitic messaging is sadly becoming a common occurrence nationwide with recent incidences locally in Culver City, Brentwood, Beverly Hills and Huntington Beach.

The dissemination of this litter is done under the cover of night in a most cowardly way. The perpetrators of this crime do so in the hope that it will harass and intimidate Jewish families, radicalize others, or desensitize some to the messaging.

The City Attorney, with assistance from the Police Department, should be requested to report on how the crime of littering in mass as a method to disseminate hate speech is currently addressed by the City along with ways to increase penalties if needed that include making it a misdemeanor.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Attorney be requested, with assistance from the Police Department to report on how the crime of littering in mass as a method to disseminate hate speech is currently addressed by the City along with ways to increase penalties that make it a misdemeanor for any person to litter with the intent to willfully injure, intimidate, interfere with, oppress, or threaten any other person based on their perceived characteristics.

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