



Resolution #19-02

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITIC ACTS IN ORANGE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Orange County has a long-documented history of antisemitism including the murder of Blaze Bernstein (1/10/2018), a young Jewish college student from Lake Forest by a known neo-Nazi; the desecration of Congregation Beth Jacob in Irvine (10/13/2018); and vandalism of Jewish residences with antisemitic language and symbols such as swastikas (3/2/2019); and

WHEREAS, the latest instance of such behavior occurred on the weekend of March 2-3, 2019, where photographs taken at a party in Costa Mesa showed a large group of Newport-Mesa USD high school students giving the Nazi salute and a swastika used in an antisemitic drinking game labeled "German rage cage"; and

WHEREAS, widely reported coverage of the events depicted at the party demonstrated clear mockery of the Holocaust perpetrated upon European Jewry by the Nazi regime and its allies as well as a show of disrespect for and hostility toward the existing Jewish population of Orange County; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that while the Democratic Party of Orange County applauds preliminary investigative efforts and responses undertaken by the Newport-Mesa USD and concerned parents of its students, it also condemns anti-Semitic acts against Jewish individuals, property and institutions in Orange County, as well as all other forms of bigotry and violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Democratic Party of Orange County strongly urges the governing body of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District coupled with all other public and private governing bodies responsible for K-12 education within Orange County to adopt clear and consistent disciplinary policies and procedures and effective age and grade-appropriate curricula in response to all forms of bigotry and violence.

**Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County
At its March 25, 2019 Central Committee Meeting**