

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA IN
SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 3024 (AB 3024): THE STOP HATE LITTERING
ACT, INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS WARD

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Attorney General, Rob Bonta reported a 20% increase in hate-motivated crime events mirroring national trends;

WHEREAS, one area that has seen a significant rise is hate-motivated propaganda, including hate littering in the form of racist, anti-Semitic and ant-LGBTQ+ flyers, sticker, banners, graffiti and posters;

WHEREAS, data collected by the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Center on Extremism shows a 38% increase in these incidents from the previous year, reaching 6,751 cases in 2022, the highest number of white supremacist propaganda incidents ADL has ever recorded;

WHEREAS, hateful materials are often placed directly on the private property of vulnerable community members, without authorization, with the expressed intent to make their targets fear for their safety;

WHEREAS, California has some of the strongest hate crime statutes in the country, current law has largely focused on more direct forms of hate violence and our laws must keep up to counter the methods hate groups have evolved to using;

WHEREAS, AB 3024, The Stop Hate Littering Act will make necessary improvements to existing law by strengthening the Ralph Civil Rights Act of 1976 to ensure victims are provided adequate protections against hate littering and create new legal tools to deter terrorizing activity and hold offenders accountable;

WHEREAS, AB 3024, clarifies the definition of intimidation by threat of violence under the Ralph Act, includes the distribution of hateful materials with intent to terrorize; and

WHEREAS, hate has no place in our communities, and we must provide everything in our power to ensure law enforcement has the tools necessary to go after perpetrators and that victims have proper recourse after an incident has occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of La Mesa declares support for AB 3024 and urge the State Assembly and Senate to pass this legislation and for the Governor to sign it into law as soon as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 9th day of April 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, Megan Wiegelman, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2024-___, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)