

Public Statement: No Room for Ambiguity

HoCoJAG condemns the violent attack in Boulder, Colorado and stands with the victims and their families during this painful time. This tragedy is a stark reminder that hateful words can lead to real-world violence—and our mission to combat antisemitism through political action is more urgent than ever.

“Globalize the Intifada” is not peaceful-protest. It is a call for violence against Jews. Over the past two weeks, we’ve seen the consequences of a globalized intifada in Washington, DC and Boulder as terrorists, radicalized by a diet of propaganda and lies, seek to kill Jews.

“There is only one solution: intifada revolution” is not justice. It is a threat. We know what “solutions” involving Jews have meant before, and we will not pretend we don’t understand what this means now.

“From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free,” is not a call for a peaceful two-state solution. Whether they admit it or not, we know it is a call for an Israel free of Jews from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea; an eradication of ½ of the world’s Jews.

This rhetoric is not abstract. It is dangerous. As we see, hateful words calling for violence inevitably lead to violence.

And when hate comes from our Howard County neighbors, it is inexcusable. The Jews of Howard County have heard these chants directed towards us and our children for over 18 months.

We expect more from our inclusive community. There is no moral gray area here. Glorifying terrorism, calling for violence, and inciting hatred has no place in Howard County.

Our elected officials and community leaders cannot stay silent in the face of hate and allow this language to turn into violence. Jewish families deserve to feel safe in our schools, in our neighborhoods, and in our public discourse. We insist our leaders stand up, speak up, and act in our time of need.

Yet again, we renew our call for Howard County and the State of Maryland to adopt the **International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism**, which provides a clear and internationally recognized framework for identifying and combating antisemitism in all its forms.

HoCoJAG will continue to hold our elected officials accountable to the Jewish Community of Howard County. With your support, we will ensure our families are safe and can live in peace.

