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CONSENT CALENDAR
September 29, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor),
Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

Subject: United Against Hate Week 2026 Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution declaring October 18 – 24 as United Against Hate Week in Berkeley.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Starting in Berkeley in 2017 in response to far-right rallies, United Against Hate was originally a poster campaign that spread throughout Alameda County. It has since transformed into an annual statewide event. The goal for United Against Hate Week is to provide communities with the tools, resources, and support they need to create locally driven actions to stand united against growing intolerance. This week is designed to not just raise awareness about the dangers of hate and the need for respect and civil discourse, but to help community members build stronger connections with civic leaders, businesses, and schools, so that deeper engagement can continue year-round. (www.unitedagainsthateweek.org)

Not in Our Town (www.niot.org) is a non-profit that serves communities across the country working to build safety, inclusion and equity for all. They are, once again, facilitating the organization for United Against Hate Week.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with adopting this recommendation.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution Proclaiming October 18 – 24, 2026 as United Against Hate Week

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

COMMEMORATING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK 2026

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, whose strength comes from its diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution enshrines equality on all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion, or political view; and

WHEREAS, rhetoric continues to generate a toxic environment that encourages the propagation of racist, xenophobic, antisemitic, Islamophobic, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, and other bigoted views by emboldened hate groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, deep divisions within our country are the result of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of mistrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the number of hate crimes across the United States continues to increase with hate crimes against Jews, African Americans and Asian Americans especially increasing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is dedicated to preventing and opposing hate and intolerance in our communities. Berkeley started United Against Hate Week in 2017, which has since expanded into a national movement; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to unlocking understanding and embracing differences between people, with United Against Hate Week an important step in bridging divisions and strengthening our communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that that it hereby proclaims October 18-24, 2026, as United Against Hate Week in the City of Berkeley.