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## Commission on the State of Hate, Civil Rights Department Urge Californians to Take Advantage of Anti-Hate Resources Amid Reports and Threats of Hate Violence

Californians can visit <u>CAvsHate.org</u> or call 833-8-NO-HATE for resources, to anonymously report acts of hate, and receive assistance in more than 200 languages

**SACRAMENTO** – Amid reports of antisemitic and Islamophobic threats and acts of hate violence in California and across the country, the California Commission on the State of Hate (Commission) and California Civil Rights Department (CRD) today encouraged Californians to take advantage of anti-hate resources available statewide, including the California vs Hate hotline and website.

"The Commission on the State of Hate stands united in shared humanity with the people of California in denouncing violence and hate," **said Commission Chair Russell Roybal.** "We recognize what is happening in the Middle East has devastated communities in California. Unfortunately, when these horrific events occur, instances of hate tend to rise as well. No person, whether they are Jewish, Muslim, Palestinian, Israeli, or perceived as members of any of these groups, should be subject to prejudice or violence. If you experience or witness hate in California, we encourage you to contact CA vs Hate to report the incident and get connected to support and resources."

"We stand united in condemning hate wherever it occurs," **said CRD Acting Director Mary Wheat.** "No matter your faith or where you come from, all our state's residents deserve to live free from the fear of being attacked because of who they are. In this moment of conflict abroad, we must do our part to support one another and offer pathways for healing. I encourage all Californians to take advantage of CA vs Hate by calling 833-8-NO-HATE or heading to <a href="CAvsHate.org">CAvsHate.org</a> for support and resources if you or someone you know has been targeted for hate."

CA vs Hate is a non-emergency, multilingual hate crime and incident reporting hotline and online portal. Reports can be made anonymously by calling (833) 866-4283, or 833-8-NO-HATE, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. PT or online at any time. Hate acts can be reported in 15 different languages through the online portal and in over 200 languages when calling the hotline. For individuals who want to report a hate crime to law enforcement immediately or who are in imminent danger, please call 911. For more information on CA vs Hate, please visit <a href="CAvsHate.org">CAvsHate.org</a>.

CRD is the state agency charged with enforcing California's civil rights laws. Formerly known as the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), the mission of CRD is to protect the people of California from unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and state-fund programs and activities, and from hate violence and human trafficking. For more information, visit <u>calcivilrights.ca.gov</u>.

