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Subject: Motion to address Antisemitism Task Force

The following is my community statement that I would like included as part of The record for creating a task force to address antisemitism:

To protect the Jewish community, it is imperative that Canadians understand that antizionism is the newest form of hatred against Jews and that it works in the exact same way as classical antisemitism did in Europe and across the Middle East by seeing Jews as less than and not deserving the dignity of equality and sovereignty.

Antizionism it's not simply criticism of Israel. It is a well funded hate movement with the stated goal being the destruction of the state of Israel and the erasure of the Jewish connection to the land of Israel.

As everyone saw on October 7, antizionism is a murderous ideology, and those who are involved in spreading its dangerous message here in Canada must be stopped via the law and must be stigmatized by all Canadians who value western values of peace, coexistence and tolerance.

Do not be deceived by the relentless propaganda that has been turned out over the last 2 1/2 years. This is a machine that began in the Soviet Union. It has been amplified and taken up by the Arab world, and specifically the Muslim brotherhood. Antizionism purged Jews From institutions in Poland and in the Soviet Union and ended up being the cause of the expulsion of all of the Jews from the Middle East.

Using such words as: settler, colonialism, apartheid, and genocide are libels with no bearing in fact or in the historical record.

These libels serve to demonize Israel and, by extension, all Jews who support the continued sovereignty of Jews in their ancient ancestral homeland. We see that this hatred is being used to terrorize the Jews of our country by shooting bullets at our institutions and our businesses and by creating hateful atmospheres so that our young people leave the country altogether.

I urge you to become very well informed about the way this propaganda works to demonize Jews in a way that seems like political discourse, but is in fact and utterly bigoted and hateful movement. Failure to do so will result in the Canadian Jewish community finding itself at the crossroads of whether or not they can stay in Canada safe safely as citizens.

Thank you,

Francine Sharpe