BLACK JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

BJJA - Statement Regarding Anti-Semitism

The Black Jewish Justice Alliance (BJJA) stands against all forms of Racism, Bigotry Anti-Semitism, Anti-Blackness and White Supremacy. We believe that what occurred on the 405 freeway on Sunday 10/23/2022 in Los Angeles is disgusting, and is unfortunately evidence of a growing trend of overt anti-semitic and racist incidents and messages taking place in Los Angeles and nationally.

The Scriptures declare that to whom much is given much is required. Therefore, given that Kanye West has such a large platform and can influence so many people, he must be held accountable for emboldening White Supremacy. West's recent statements are fanning the embers of hatred, a hatred stirred up by the former President and reflecting a rising white nationalist sentiment across the country. His remarks display a total disregard for the safety and well-being of the Jewish Community and the African American community, especially those who are houseless. (We are outraged that Kanye used the people of Skid Row as a prop for his business, rather than follow through with the real support they need and deserve.) This recklessness coming from a man of color is a devastating reflection of the far reaches of white supremacy. We, the undersigned Black and Jewish clergy and community leaders and our allies stand together to condemn these despicable acts and to proclaim that safety and security comes from solidarity. We believe that the Beloved community has no place for this hatred. We are united in our belief that all people are created in the image of God and all are worthy of dignity and love.

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