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## **Following Recent Surge in Hate Incidents, San Diego City Councilmembers Campillo and Whitburn Urge Community to Report Hate and Seek Support**

*Councilmembers focus on California vs. Hate, a free and confidential reporting and support tool  
available in over 200 languages*

SAN DIEGO – In the wake of a recent surge in hate incidents, San Diego City Councilmembers Raul Campillo and Stephen Whitburn held a press conference this morning to denounce hate and share key tools and resources available to report hate crimes and support victims.

**“Unfortunately, recent data has confirmed what our communities have already felt firsthand: hate is on the rise in San Diego and across the nation,”** said San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo (D7). **“By reporting hate incidents using tools like California vs. Hate, we end the normalization of behavior that truly has no place in San Diego or anywhere else.”**

**“In District 3, we’ve seen targeted attacks on our LGBTQ+ community and businesses, a stark reminder that hate has real and harmful impacts on our friends, neighbors, and loved ones,”** said Councilmember Stephen Whitburn (D3). **“We cannot and will not allow hate to divide us or undermine the inclusive values that define our city.”**

Today’s press conference took place during [United Against Hate Week](#), a week of action designed to bring people together against hate [that was officially proclaimed by the San Diego City Council last week](#).

During the press conference, Councilmembers Campillo and Whitburn specifically called attention to California vs. Hate, a free and confidential online and phone hotline available in over 200 languages that enables residents to report hate incidents and access support, including legal, financial, mental health, and mediation services.

For more information on California vs. Hate, [view their website here](#), [an FAQ one pager here](#), and [an infographic with instructions on how to report here](#).

[FULL VIDEO OF PRESS CONFERENCE AND PHOTOS HERE](#)

### **About Councilmember Raul Campillo**

*Councilmember Raul Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego and serves as the Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.*

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