

MIAMI BEACH

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PRESS RELEASE

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Statement Regarding the Incidents this Weekend in Miami Beach *-- Hate will not be tolerated --*

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach is deeply saddened by the incidents of hateful graffiti that took place this weekend.

The swastika is considered a symbol of hate by all and will not be tolerated. While we believe that these incidences were random acts, we are highly concerned and committed to using every resource available to find who did this. We will be canvassing the area and watching surveillance footage and will continue our efforts until those responsible are apprehended.

Miami Beach is a culturally diverse community and prides itself on being inclusive and welcoming to all. It is difficult to see these acts take place and hard to understand how this can happen in our community.

Furthermore, there is no evidence that this is related in any way to the recent false bomb threats at area Jewish Community Centers.

At our last commission meeting we announced a partnership with the Anti-Defamation League and all six of our public schools in Miami Beach to continue the “No Place for Hate” program during the 2017-18 school year. This is not only an initiative to be embraced in our schools and with our youth, but also throughout our community.

“Miami Beach is and will remain a respectful community for all. We are very concerned about what this says in our community. We would like to reassure our residents, especially our Jewish community, that we are actively working on this case and will not stop until we find out who did this,” said City Manager Jimmy L. Morales.

The Miami Beach Police Department is still actively investigating this incident and is asking that anyone with information to help find those responsible for this horrific crime please come forward. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Miami Beach Police Department at 305.673.7901 or Crime Stoppers at 305.471.TIPS.

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We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community.