

ITEM #67

(Updated to Show Cosponsorship Information)

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Public Hearing

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA ("BOARD"), PERTAINING TO ANTISEMITISM; AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 21 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE BOARD'S INTENT THAT THE DEFINITION OF BIAS-MOTIVATED CRIMES AND ANTISEMITISM BE CONSIDERED IN ENFORCING LAWS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Senator Steve Geller, and Cosponsored by Mayor Michael Udine,
Senator Nan H. Rich, and Commissioner Jared E. Moskowitz)

WHEREAS, Jews are consistently one of the most targeted religious communities in the United States;

WHEREAS, Jewish institutions, such as synagogues, Jewish community centers, and Jewish schools, are also the targets of antisemitic incidents, including vandalism, harassment, assaults, and deadly violence;

WHEREAS, antisemitic incidents are being reported at record levels;

WHEREAS, Jews are regularly targeted because of their actual or perceived support for Israel and Zionism;

WHEREAS, Broward County, home to the third-largest population of Holocaust survivors in the world, has not been immune to antisemitism;

WHEREAS, the Kantor Center recently released a report stating that the working definition of antisemitism of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance ("IHRA") "has become a barometer in the global fight against Jew-hatred, serving as a