

A Jewish Statement on Elections and Democratic Principles

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The bedrock of American liberty is a strong, thriving democracy and an engaged citizenry. The COVID-19 pandemic has altered almost every aspect of the way we live, including how we vote in elections. It's a longstanding tradition that nonpartisan groups across the spectrum do their part by encouraging their members and the larger community to vote. This year, these non-partisan efforts are even more essential to ensuring that every vote is counted and everyone can participate in our democracy.

We call upon all government leaders, candidates, and elected officials, Democrats and Republicans, at every level and branch of government to recommit to our nation's core democratic principles and oppose violence emerging from the far right or the far left. In the case of contested or close elections we ask for patience and trust in the system, as we allow for every valid vote to be counted. We ask civic and faith leaders to set a standard of discourse, oppose violence and encourage peaceful engagement in the political process. We must sustain and carry out these ideals and principles in both our words and our actions at this critical moment in our history.

National Agencies

American Jewish Congress

Anti-Defamation League

B'nai B'rith International

Hadassah

Jewish Council for Public Affairs

Jewish Labor Committee

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

Jewish Women International

National Association of Jewish Legislators

National Council of Jewish Women

ORT America

Orthodox Union

Rabbinical Assembly

Rabbinical Council of America

Union for Reform Judaism

Women's League for Conservative Judaism

JCRCs and Federations

Baltimore Jewish Council

Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council

Canton Jewish Community Federation

Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation

Charleston Jewish Federation

Chicago Jewish Community Relations Council

Colorado JCRC

Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley

Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley

Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council

JCFR Security Committee

JCRC of Atlantic county

JCRC-Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton, Ohio

JCRC, Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County

JCRC/AJC of Detroit

Jewish Community Alliance of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Jewish Community Board of Akron

Jewish Community Federation of Richmond

Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley

Jewish Community Relations Bureau-AJC of Kansas City

Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara

Jewish Community Relations Council and Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL

Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta

Jewish Community Relations Council of Broward County, FL

Jewish Community Relations Council of Cincinnati

Jewish Community Relations Council of Columbus

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Charleston

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington

Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville

Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas

Jewish Community Relations Council of New York

Jewish Community Relations Council of Portland

Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Birmingham Jewish Federation

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford

Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

Jewish Community Relations Council San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda, Contra Costa Counties

Jewish Community Relations Council, United Jewish Federation of Tidewater

Jewish Federation & JCRC of Greater New Haven

Jewish Federation of Central MA

Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte

Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg

Jewish Federation of Greater Naples

Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City

Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford

Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle

Jewish Federation of Madison

Jewish Federation of Northern NJ

Jewish Federation of Reading

Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee

Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties

Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey

Memphis Jewish Federation

Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation

Ohio Jewish Communities

Savannah Jewish Federation

Westchester Jewish Council

Wisconsin Jewish Conference