



AGENDA REPORT

Mayor's Office

DATE:	April 30, 2024
TO:	Members of the City Council
FROM:	Mayor Martinez, Councilmember McLaughlin, and Councilmember Willis
Subject:	Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	None
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The City of Richmond recognizes May as Jewish American Heritage Month to honor the enduring contributions and rich history of Jewish Americans. This proclamation celebrates their significant impact on our society and reaffirms our city's commitment to inclusivity, respect, and solidarity against all forms of hatred and discrimination.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	PROCLAMATION recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Richmond. Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6593), Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636), and Melvin Willis (510-412-2050).

DISCUSSION:

Jewish American Heritage Month is not only a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans but also an opportunity to reflect on the historical adversities faced by this community, including persecution and discrimination. The City

of Richmond acknowledges the resilience and perseverance of Jewish Americans who have greatly enriched our city's culture and community strength. By celebrating this month, Richmond reaffirms its commitment to values of inclusivity, respect, and the fight against all forms of hatred and bigotry.

Richmond's Jewish community has been integral to our city's development, contributing significantly to our cultural diversity and economic vitality. It is essential that we continue to educate our community about both the dark and triumphant aspects of Jewish history, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the contributions of our Jewish citizens.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation