



From darkness, light.

April 28, 2019

In response to San Diego

In our time, with sadness and consternation, we continue to see a rise in anti-Semitism, hateful ideology and religious persecution. We want to once again use the Museum's collective voice to strongly condemn ongoing acts of hatred around the world and here within our countries political and geographic boundaries.

When one human being is murdered and several injured or when hundreds are killed and hundreds injured, we feel equal parts of despair and rage. When fire is set to synagogues, churches or mosques, hatred is spewed indiscriminately, and when violence erupts in public spaces and inside sacred places of worship, we feel righteous indignation; we must do more.

It has been said that ideological terrorism is the hardest to change. On behalf of our Board, staff, and members, we do not give up our hope. We send our deepest condolences to our colleagues wherever acts of hatred ensue. To the victims of this horrific hate crime in San Diego and to their families, we stand with you in solidarity. Together, we will continue to work to combat hatred, prejudice, and apathy around the world—in keeping with our vision to build a society that transforms ignorance into respect for human life, that remembers the Holocaust, and that affirms an individual's responsibility for the collective actions of society.

Out of such darkness, we seek light. Our work and our mission have never been as essential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Warren".

Benjamin Warren
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly J. Zúñiga".

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