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A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE ON:

Today's Suicide Bombing in Tel Aviv

JCRC expresses outrage over today's terrorist attacks

Spokespersons available for on-the-record comment and analysis

Statement from the JCRC:

In response to today's suicide bombing attack in Tel Aviv that left at least nine people dead and more than sixty wounded, Michael Futterman, President of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) – the community relations arm of the organized Bay Area Jewish community – issued the following statement:

“On behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of all the victims of today's terrorist attack. We pray for a full recovery for those wounded in this reprehensible assault against Israel and the people of Tel Aviv's Neve Sha'anani neighborhood.

JCRC recognizes a secure and lasting peace will be impossible to achieve with the new Hamas-led Palestinian Authority openly supporting this attack and other acts of violence against Israelis. We are also gravely concerned that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who continues to call for the destruction of Israel, has pledged \$50 million to the Hamas-led Palestinian government. We acknowledge the condemnation of today's attack by the Fatah-affiliated Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

We stand steadfastly by Israel in its effort to suppress terrorism. We continue to call on the international community to refuse to deal with a Hamas-led government unless and until Hamas formally and verifiably renounces the use of terror, rejects its charter calling for Israel's destruction, and agrees to uphold previous commitments with Israel signed by the Palestinian Authority.

JCRC continues to support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Regrettably, this Hamas-endorsed attack proves that Israel at this time does not have a viable negotiating partner in ending the conflict.”

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The Jewish Community Relations Council is the central public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community, representing more than 80 synagogues and Jewish organizations in the Bay Area on public affairs issues.