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## **Official Statement from Mayor Ken Sim on the Anniversary of the October 7th, 2023 Attack**

VANCOUVER, BC - Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim has released the following statement regarding the anniversary of the October 7th, 2023 attack:

“Today, we mark the one-year anniversary of the horrific October 7th, 2023 attack - an event that not only shocked our city, our country, and the world but also left a lasting scar on countless families and communities.

“The City of Vancouver will always stand with the Jewish community and unequivocally condemns Hamas' acts of terrorism against Israeli civilians. This was the deadliest attack against Jewish people since the Holocaust, carried out by those who spread fear, division, and hatred.

“Let me be clear - we will not allow hatred to take root in our city.

“Over the past year, we have seen a rise in hateful actions and rhetoric directed towards the Jewish community. There is no place for antisemitism, or any form of hate, in our city. Vancouver is a place that prides itself on diversity, respect, and inclusion. These values define who we are.

“I am aware of the protests that took place in our city this weekend, as well as the protest planned for today in relation to this tragic event. While we respect the right to peaceful expression, if you are celebrating the October 7th attack, you do not represent the values of Vancouverites. Violence and hate speech will not be tolerated in our community.

“Vancouver's strength lies in its unity. As we reflect on the tremendous pain and suffering caused by the October 7th attack, let us honour the victims by recommitting to a future grounded in peace, respect, and understanding.”

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