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Governor Charlie Crist
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

"Go steal other lands. Go! Murderers! Go back to the oven! You need a big oven."
Spoken by a female protestor at an anti-Israel/pro-Hamas rally

Dear Governor Crist:

Someone actually said this—not in France, Syria or somewhere in the Middle East—and not decades ago. It was screamed just a few months ago at a large, pro-Hamas rally, at a person of the Jewish faith in the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale, in broad daylight. Hatred of Jews is still very real, throughout the world, and believe it or not, even here in Broward County. It is for this reason that I strongly urge you to support the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center's (HDEC) efforts to launch a Holocaust education museum in Hollywood Florida, so that ignorance of the greatest mass murder in human history cannot be allowed to continue. I also strongly urge you to support the HDEC's efforts so that the other Holocausts since World War II—in Darfur, Rwanda, Bosnia, Herzegovina—will never be repeated again.

In advance of your upcoming meeting with Rositta Kenigsberg, Executive Director of the HDEC, I felt it incumbent upon me to let you know that the Hollywood City Commission has been squarely behind the HDEC's efforts since their inception. It is our belief that Federal Economic Stimulus legislation will offer the HDEC the opportunity to finally fund and complete its ambitious initiative. To that end, we hope you will assist the HDEC to the fullest extent possible so they may fulfill their promise to never let people forget the tragedies that can occur when good people do nothing to help others being persecuted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Bober
Mayor



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