



# The Senate of The State of Texas

## Senator José Menéndez

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### **Senator Menéndez Offers Reward For Information Leading to the Arrest of the Person or Persons Who Committed Hate Crime**

San Antonio, Texas - Today, State Senator José Menéndez released the following statement on the anti-Semitic Graffiti in San Antonio currently vandalizing Jewish neighborhoods and synagogues.

"This is not merely graffiti, this is an orchestrated effort to try to intimidate an entire community of people based on their religious beliefs and we cannot stand for it. It is not enough to just be offended or to condemn these actions, we need to marshal the resources of the local, state, and federal governments to bring the perpetrators of this hate crime to justice. I will be calling DPS Director Steve McCraw and asking that he provide access to the full resources of DPS and the Texas Rangers to our local authorities. In addition, I am offering \$1,000 towards a reward fund for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons who committed this hate crime."

"We need to send a message that San Antonio will not tolerate our citizens and families being attacked. During my nearly 20 years of public service I have been blessed to work with people of all types of backgrounds and all walks of life. I have found that the diversity of San Antonio is what makes this a special place where people want to start up a business or raise a family. I am confident our community will come together and speak with one voice against this hate crime."

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