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SCN Encouraged By Administration’s National Antisemitism Strategy Measures To Promote & Invest in Safety and Security

SCN discussions, insight, and input reflected in key strategic pillars

CHICAGO, IL — Today the Biden Administration — led by America’s first Jewish second gentleman Douglas Emhoff — unveiled its National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. The four-pillar strategy, which included improving safety, countering antisemitic discrimination, and an interagency effort to improve hate crimes reporting was informed by conversations with multiple stakeholders, including the Secure Community Network (SCN) leadership. **SCN’s National Director and CEO Michael Masters issued the following statement in reaction to the Administration’s announcement and strategy:**

“The Biden Administration’s comprehensive National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism is an important and meaningful step toward recognizing and mitigating the most complex and dynamic threat environment Jewish Americans have ever faced in this nation’s history. The Secure Community Network (SCN) wishes to recognize and applaud the Administration for engaging in extensive dialogue with the community on its efforts; SCN is grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Strategy, recommending best-practice measures that will help enhance the safety and security of Jewish organizations and communities.

We are particularly encouraged by The White House’s commitment to increased non-profit security grant funding, their call for additional funding to help communities beyond the current investment, and their interagency effort to improve information-sharing and hate crimes reporting. Continued monitoring of threats and incidents — such as occurs through SCN’s Jewish Security Operations Command Center (JSOCC) and collaboratively with key partners like Federations and the ADL — identifies the need for efforts by social media companies to take a more active role in addressing the threats of violence that permeate their platforms. We are eager to continue working with the White House, Congress, and federal agencies to create a proactive, protective shield over the Jewish community in the United States and advanced our shared vision for

‘tikkun olam’ — a repairing of the world — so that Jews no longer have to fear hate, violence, and discrimination in their daily lives.”

SCN has been involved in various conversations and engagements, to include Secure Community Network National Director and CEO Michael Masters participating in an initial convening of Jewish leadership at the White House and a meeting with the White House Interagency Task Force to offer insight and input.

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*The **Secure Community Network**(SCN), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the official homeland safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004 under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN serves as the central organization dedicated exclusively to the safety and security of the American Jewish community, working across 146 federations, 50 partner organizations, over 300 independent communities, and other partners in the public, private, nonprofit, and academic sectors. SCN is dedicated to ensuring that Jewish organizations, communities, life, and culture can not only exist safely and securely but flourish. Learn more at securecommunitynetwork.org.*