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Post 5 Cobb County School Board Candidate Laura Judge Condemns the Nazi Protest in East Cobb

MARIETTA, GA — Cobb County School Board Candidate Laura Judge (D-Post 5) today issued the following statement regarding the antisemitic protest that happened on Lower Roswell Road in front of the Chabad Temple on Saturday, June 24:

"Earlier this evening I was notified by a Post 5 constituent of a Nazi protest happening on Lower Roswell Road in front of the Chabad Lubavitch of Cobb County. As a resident of the community in East Cobb, I am committed to fostering unity and combating discrimination. I strongly condemn the recent incident of antisemitism and Nazi protesting that took place in our community this evening. I am deeply disturbed by the hateful actions and beliefs demonstrated by these individuals and stand united against such acts of bigotry.

"The presence of antisemitism and Nazi symbolism in our community not only undermines our shared values of inclusivity and respect but also has a profound and lasting impact on our children. The younger generation is exposed to these expressions of hate, which can shape their view and perpetuate a cycle of intolerance. It is our responsibility, as a community, to protect our children from the actions and influence of hate groups in order to ensure their safety and well-being.

"In light of these distressing events, I urge the community to come together and take immediate action. One vital step is to petition the Cobb County School Board to reinstate or replace the esteemed program, "No Place for Hate." This program has proven effective in promoting tolerance, understanding, and empathy among students, equipping them with the tools necessary to reject hatred and prejudice. By reinstating or enhancing this program, we can actively combat antisemitism and other forms of discrimination within our schools and create a safer environment for all children.

"I must emphasize the urgency of this matter. Antisemitism and Nazi protesting are not isolated incidents but indicative of a broader trend that requires immediate attention. Our community's

unity and resilience are vital in combating these hateful ideologies and ensuring a brighter future for generations to come.

"Both I and my campaign team remain committed to working alongside community members, schools, and faith leaders to eradicate antisemitism, hatred, and all forms of discrimination. Together, we can create a community where diversity is celebrated, and every individual feels safe, valued, and included."

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