



Dear Vice President Biden,

The Jewish Democratic Council of America (JDCA) is thrilled to endorse you because you have the integrity, character and experience to serve as president of the United States, and because you share our values and vision for the future. This election is the most important of our lifetime, and we will do everything we can to ensure that you are elected to the White House.

In the past five decades, you have fought for the issues that matter to Jewish Americans – ensuring access to affordable health care and education, promoting equality and social justice, protecting democratic institutions and the right to vote, mitigating the impact of climate change, and furthering the rights of women and minorities. You have consistently fought against bigotry and discrimination, and to end the epidemic of gun violence that plagues our nation. You have led the advancement of our national security through a strong and principled foreign policy. Despite your own personal challenges, you have always put the interests of the American people first. You have repeatedly demonstrated leadership in times of progress and in times of hardship, such as the unprecedented public health crisis facing us now.

You share the Jewish community's commitment to the principle of *tikkun olam*, healing the world, in addition to our commitment to combatting the rise of anti-Semitism and supporting a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. For decades, you have demonstrated – and continue to demonstrate – a steadfast commitment to Israel's security and right to self-defense, as well as a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We know your commitment to Israel is unwavering, and we will defend your record against ongoing Republican efforts to exploit it as a political wedge issue. We echo the words of Congressman Jim Clyburn, who said, "We know Joe Biden. But most importantly, he knows us." ***In the same way, you know and understand the American Jewish community and our values, and we are privileged to know you.***

Just as you began your campaign for president with a video featuring the horrific scenes of neo-Nazis marching in Charlottesville in August 2017, JDCA was launched immediately following President Trump's characterization of these anti-Semites as "very fine people." Since that time, JDCA has emerged as the national voice of Jewish Democrats, and the only national organization that combines Jewish values advocacy with a Democratic political agenda. We mobilized and energized the Jewish American vote in the 2018 midterms and are doing so again in 2020.

Our work has never been more important, especially given the startling rise of anti-Semitism that has left more than [two-thirds of Jewish voters](#) feeling less secure today than they did two years ago.

The 2020 presidential election will determine the character and trajectory of our country, and for us, the choice could not be clearer. Americans are looking for unity amid crisis, and never before in our history have voters faced such a stark contrast in leadership. On the one hand, President Trump has repeatedly abdicated his responsibility to defend America's best interests and used hatred as a political tool. On the other hand, you have demonstrated your ability to unify Americans and lead with responsibility, accountability, morality, empathy and truth.

We at JDCA are committed to electing those who share our values, which means doing all we can to preserve the Democratic House majority, elect a Democratic Senate, and send you to the White House. ***You have our strong support because we know we'll have yours.***

Sincerely,

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