

THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY

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NYS Assemblymembers Denounce Antisemitic DSA Questionnaire NYSA Members Issue Statement Condemning Antisemitic Rhetoric from NYC DSA

The NYC chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America is asking New York City Council candidates to pledge not to visit the State of Israel, either as a Council Member or in their personal capacity.

This blatantly antisemitic litmus test is abhorrent. Singling out the only Jewish state -a strong democracy in the region, where women's rights, freedom of speech, and religious freedom are protected -- is detestable.

New York is home to the world's second largest Jewish community. Jewish culture and tradition are ingrained in the very fabric of the City's diversity. The DSA's position cannot be rationalized. It is offensive, antisemitic, and dangerous, particularly at a time when antisemitism is on the rise in the United States and in the New York area.

No political organization that embeds antisemitism into its platform should be welcome in the halls of our legislature.

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