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UNAPOLOGETICALLY JEWISH CALLS ON TORONTO POLICE TO SHUT DOWN ANTISEMITIC PROTEST AFTER FILING HUMAN RIGHTS LAWSUIT

Toronto, ON – October 31, 2025 — *Unapologetically Jewish*, a national grassroots movement advocating for Jewish safety and dignity, is calling on the Toronto Police Service to take immediate pre-emptive action to stop a planned pro-Palestinian demonstration at Bathurst and Sheppard on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. EST.

The protest, organized by Action4Palestine and Protest Canada, explicitly targets what organizers call “*Zionist groups waving genocidal flags*”—language that unmistakably vilifies Toronto’s Jewish community. Bathurst and Sheppard is a predominantly Jewish residential neighbourhood, not a political site, making this a deliberate act of intimidation rather than a peaceful expression.

“When a group calls for a rally against ‘Zionists’ in the heart of a Jewish neighbourhood, that’s not activism—it’s targeted harassment,” said Matthew Taub, Founder and Executive Director of *Unapologetically Jewish*.

This follows an October 26 incident at the same intersection where one Jewish resident was spat on and another arrested after being provoked, confirming that demonstrators came to incite confrontation, not dialogue.

After two years of continued inaction by city and police leadership, *Unapologetically Jewish* has filed a Human Rights Complaint Lawsuit against the City of Toronto, Mayor Olivia Chow, the Toronto Police Services Board (naming Councillor Shelley Carroll), and the Toronto Police Service (naming Chief Myron Demkiw).

The group is urging law enforcement to immediately enforce the Criminal Code of Canada, specifically:

Section 319(1) (Public Incitement of Hatred), Section 430(1.1) (Mischief Relating to Religious Property), and Section 175 (Causing a Disturbance).

“We’ve already taken formal legal action because leadership has failed to act,” said Taub. “We’re demanding enforcement now—equal protection under the law.”

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