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Shalom. Good evening. Buenas Noches.

I would like to paraphrase from a Psalm that I read recently on LOVE.

LOVE is a clean word that brings forth life. It is the fruit of the good earth.

It is telling your brother at your left or your right, "You are not alone."

Friends do not let time pass you by without seeing what is happening around you.

LOVE is our song to life and to that which life delivers. LOVE is an action . . . a choice . . . a decision.

On behalf of the Hispanic/Latino community, the Catholic Christian community, the Immigrant community, (because, we, too, know what it is to be hated and discriminated against), and all the rest of us who abhor and condemn any act of hatred, violence, vandalism, or any anti-ANYthing against ANY people, we hereby stand in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters.

It is hard to believe that in today's day and age things like this are still happening. Nonetheless, as people of faith, people who love and respect one another, who stand up for truth, justice, peace, trust, hope, faith, and LOVE, we know, believe, and stand for the following:

- Good will ALWAYS prevail against evil; let us be that good in the world.
- Light will ALWAYS cover over darkness; let us be that light in the world.
- God will ALWAYS use ALL things for the good of those who know Him and love Him.
- Good will ALWAYS come from everything.
- Even when things are meant for evil, God will use them for good! He will use this, too, for good. We can see this by just looking all around us.

Above all else, we know that GOD is in control, not the vandals . . . and not even us. And so, tonight we ALL stand together in solidarity, with God going before us:

- ☛ Brown, Black, White, and all shades in-between
- ☛ Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and all faiths in-between
- ☛ Tall, short, slender, well-rounded, and all sizes in-between
- ☛ Fervent believers, practicing people of faith, unbelievers, and all else in-between,

as we make our unified statement:

"Together we will stand. United we go forward. In LOVE we will hold hands and stand side by side. United and together we shall ALL go forward with our heads up, our hands linked, our hearts beating as one, working TOGETHER, with LOVE as our staff and our shield, and a smile as an overt reminder that TOGETHER, we SHALL overcome . . . not be overcome . . . together . . . as brothers and sisters . . . as ONE.