

Antonovich calls for *Glendale - Ethnic / Racial* Glendale investigation

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In response to swastikas and racial slurs spray-painted on a Glendale temple, a county official is calling for an investigation into racist graffiti that has dogged the city since J.B. Stoner appeared at the Glendale Holiday Inn.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich will propose a motion to the county board Tuesday ordering an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the Stoner appearance and determining the relationship between his appearance and the recent rise in racial and religious vandalism.

Citing increased racial graffiti over the past two and a half weeks in Altadena and Glendale, Antonovich wants the the Los Angeles County Human Relations Council to investigate and report their recommendations to the board in four weeks.

"It will be on (Tuesday's) agenda and I cannot believe it would not pass," said Dawson Oppenheimer, a press spokesman for Antonovich.

The motion also calls on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office and the Glendale Police Department to investigate an incident of graffiti at Temple Sinai in Glendale and urges them to help eliminate all types of hate crimes. For the Glendale Police Department, the county measure would be advisory only.

"It cannot hurt," said Councilman Larry Zarian, who had not yet seen the motion. "We are doing our own internal investigation . . . I am hoping that the county supervisors . . . work in conjunction with the police rather than independently."

The controversial Nov. 22 meeting held by Stoner — a self-avowed racist who leads a group called Crusade Against Corruption — was strongly opposed by Antonovich, who repeatedly asked the hotel to cancel the event.

"He attracts the support of similar white supremacist groups including the skinheads and Ku Klux Klan," Antonovich wrote in a statement prior to the motion.

Since the meeting that drew a crowd of 200 protestors, swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti have appeared at two locations at South

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Pacific Avenue, a liquor store on West Broadway, the Wescott Christian Center on South Glendale Avenue and Temple Sinai on North Pacific Avenue.

Rabbi Carole Meyers of Temple Sinai said she felt the investigation is a good sign of what needs to be done about such incidents.

"(It) provides the perfect opportunity for what I think is the liberal majority in this city to make itself heard and known," she said.

Meyers said she is hoping to set up a meeting next week between herself, a member of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish organization that keeps tabs on anti-Semitic groups, and Mayor Ginger Bremberg, to brainstorm on ways of bringing the city together over the issue of racism.

"I think it is a turning point in the city's history, a chance we have to change something," she said.