

## JCPA's "First 100 Days" Policy Priority Recommendations

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) is the network hub of the Jewish community relations field, representing over 125 local community relations councils and 16 national Jewish organizations, including the four denominations of American Judaism (Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and Reconstructionist). JCPA convenes its network to grapple with pressing issues of the day, build consensus across the Jewish community, and actively engage in American public life in common cause with diverse communities to promote a just and pluralistic American society, support Israel's quest for peace and security, and advocate for human rights around the world.

We believe that to best guarantee the safety, security, and freedom of American Jews, we must strive for the safety, security, and freedom of all people. An inclusive, fair, and just society is a cornerstone of Jewish communal relations, building upon our faith tradition and values as a Jewish people. **Most of the issues on which we work intersect and overlap with racial justice and equity. All of our work is informed by a racial justice lens. As we address the issues of the day, we keep in mind the needs of the multiracial, multiethnic demographic of our country and our Jewish community.**

Our "first 100 days" policy priority recommendations include, but are not limited to, the following:

### Domestic Issues

- **Antisemitism and Hate:** Improve hate crime reporting and statistics, promote better data collection and training within local communities, and ensure that federal law enforcement has the tools needed to successfully report—and prosecute—hate crimes. Redouble the federal government's efforts to counter the spread of online hate and prevent domestic terrorism by white supremacists and other violent extremists.
- **Criminal Justice Reform:** Work to end mass incarceration and its disproportionate impact on people of color. Reorient the criminal legal system to reflect a rehabilitative and restorative justice approach to public safety.
- **Immigration:** Protect immigrants and immigrant communities and ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect for their basic human rights, health and safety, and family unity. Restore and expand our asylum and refugee resettlement systems.
- **Democracy and Voting Rights:** Strengthen our democratic institutions, extend representation, and expand access to the ballot box, including through measures such as the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the For the People Act, which would enact sweeping democracy reforms.
- **Poverty and the Social Safety Net:** Pass robust COVID-19 relief that focuses first on low-income and vulnerable groups and includes an extension of unemployment benefits and paid sick and family leave for all workers. Expand access and eligibility to critical social safety net programs, such as SNAP and Medicare, including by repealing rules that undermine them.
- **Gun Violence Prevention:** Enact meaningful measures to address the epidemic of gun violence and mass shootings in our country, including by closing loopholes, banning assault weapons, and allocating funding to study the issue as a public health issue.

**International Issues**

- **Israel:** Support a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and promote efforts to secure a two-state solution for the Israel and Palestinian peoples, where they can peacefully coexist. Oppose the BDS movement and similar efforts to delegitimize the state of Israel as antisemitic.
- **Environmental and Climate Justice:** Take bold action to address international climate change, including rejoining the Paris Accords, and enhance equal access to clean air, water, and green spaces for all.
- **International Human Rights:** Restore U.S. leadership in the provision of international humanitarian aid and the prevention of genocide and other mass atrocities. Condemn the genocides of the Rohingya and Uyghur ethnic minorities, mandate strong economic sanctions in response, and provide humanitarian assistance.

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