

Editors, Daily Planet:

Upon returning from vacation, I was surprised and troubled to read your story (Aug. 6) stating that the East Bay Council of Rabbis condemned Jim Sinkinson. I know for a fact that the East Bay Council of Rabbis did no such thing, and indeed, did not even meet during the period in question.

At its last meeting, in June, the East Bay Council of Rabbis unanimously agreed to send a letter to the Daily Planet supporting free speech for both the paper and its critics and upholding the importance of responsible journalism. That letter, expressing the unanimous view of the diverse members of the East Bay Council of Rabbis, was printed in the Daily Planet on June 25 and speaks for itself.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Aug. 6 article said nothing about a meeting of the East Bay Council of Rabbis. The council was contacted for comment about Jim Sinkinson's use of the letter that appeared in the Daily Planet. Rabbi Deborah Kohn, the council's vice president, and Rabbi Andrea Berlin, the council's past president and author of the letter, returned the call and characterized Sinkinson's use of the letter as "deeply disturbing" and that he "picks and chooses" in quoting from the letter with the result that it "departs from the original intention of our letter."*