

“Several Boulder City Council members recently received a postcard that offensively compared the euthanizing of prairie dogs to the Holocaust. That comparison was unacceptable and harmful, as are any and all endorsements of the views stated in that postcard.

We explicitly reject false equivalencies that compare the Holocaust –the largest recorded genocide in modern human history – to other historical or current events. Importantly, the reflexive use of such harmful comparisons degrades the significance and power of “never forgetting.” We have a collective duty to remember.

Holocaust equivalencies diminish the memory of millions of people killed by the Nazis. Such comparisons cause pain and re-inflict trauma to Holocaust survivors and other community members. They also play into the larger issue of anti-Semitism at a time when hate, hate groups, and hate crimes are on the rise. We value the many diverse communities in Boulder, including our Jewish neighbors. It is incumbent on each of us to ensure that our words and actions align with promoting peace, inclusivity, and understanding.”