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STATE'S ATTORNEY ALVAREZ ANNOUNCES HATE CRIMES INITIATIVES

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez recently convened a meeting of the office's Hate Crimes Prosecution Council to announce renewed efforts in the fight against hate crimes in Cook County.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office has reported a decrease in reported hate crimes over the past few years and Alvarez credits the work of the Hate Crimes Prosecution Council for this downward trend. Alvarez vowed to remain vigilant in this fight with redirected resources in education, awareness and prosecution.

The meeting was held at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, Illinois and featured special guest Orli Gil, Counsel General of Israel, who gave the keynote address.

The Hate Crimes Council is comprised of members of the community, law enforcement, and prosecutors who work together to develop policies and training for police and prosecutors and promote education and awareness for citizens when dealing with hate crimes in their communities.

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