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Subject: Fwd: Emergency meeting please re' LoveLight Placemaking's decision to not move forward with menorah lighting being labeled antisemitic !

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Thanks,
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Hi, all, I am getting ready for work... I'm not even sure when my last patient is today, but I will try reaching back to this group with a potential time that I will be coming to the police department right after work today. I was trying not to reach out to any of you all last night and I don't have all of the proper emails on this email Anyway. I am so sad that misinformation is being given out to the public and the Jewish community are leading up all over the country and probably World. The Daily Press released an article without speaking to me, making it seem like a menorah lighting has been a regular occurrence at Second Sundays... You all know that we have never done that... When we chose to not take sides, religious or culturally and go forward with Rabbi, Mendy Heber's request to add it to Second Sundays and wanted to include a firetruck doing a geld drop they decided to get really ugly. Clearly, his event needed to be a separate one... He wanted to tagalong to our event because there are thousands of people as a target audience for the menorah, celebration and geld drop Already in place of our 14 yrs of hard work building the festival. Where he was wanting to have the firetruck and the lighting area has to be kept open for cars entering and exiting that parking garage next to the community building... And just in general, the festival is absolutely full of patrons, especially this time of year... we have never chosen sides and truly it was my mistake to even seem open to the discussion in the beginning. I am not a TV or