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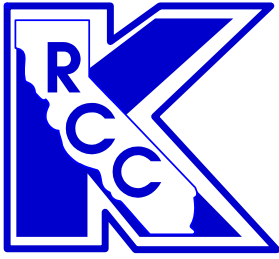
The RCC is pleased to report that after a thorough review and inspection of all establishments under RCC hashgacha, that we have addressed the issues raised in the recent inspection of the RCC establishments. This included recommendations made by the Orthodox Union (OU), which was invited by the RCC to review our establishments.

This should also serve as notice that all meat products served in RCC establishments meet the highest standards of kashrus.

From the moment we were informed of a breach in kashrus at one of our establishments, the rabbinic volunteers of the RCC's Vaad Hakashrus and its dedicated professional staff immediately moved to assure that all protocols in place were strictly adhered to so that there is no possibility of a repeat of the unscrupulous act perpetrated by one of the establishment's owners.

The RCC took a number of additional steps to further promote the highest level of kashrus:

1. It appointed a four-member Executive Committee of its Vaad Hakashrus to directly oversee the professional staff of the RCC and ensure adherence to the highest standards of kashrus. The committee, headed by Rabbi Jonathan Rosenberg, Senior Rabbi of Shaarey Zedek Congregation and Chairman of the RCC's Vaad Hakashrus, includes Rabbi Gershon Bess, Rabbi Dovid Revah and Rabbi Pini Dunner and is fully empowered to make sure that we reach these goals.
2. The RCC will adhere to universally accepted kashrus standards recommended by the Association of Kashrus Organizations (AKO) of which the RCC is a member. All establishments under the hashgacha of the RCC will be expected to adhere to these standards to maintain our hashgacha.
3. To further implement these changes, the RCC enthusiastically welcomes the appointment of two kashrus experts, Rabbi Yaakov Luban and



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Rabbi Yossie Bodenstein, as the Rabbonim who will oversee the integration of the AKO standards. Rabbi Luban is Executive Rabbinic Coordinator at the OU and a well-known authority in kashrus and Rabbi Bodenstein is similarly acknowledged as a kashrus authority in the Los Angeles area.

4. The RCC welcomes Rabbi Pinchas Shedrowitsky as its new Senior Field Director to oversee all kashrus supervision in every one of the food establishments certified by the RCC. He is well known in our community for his integrity and extensive knowledge of kashrus, as well as for his role as the mashgiach of the Los Angeles community Eruv under the RCC hashgacha. Additional senior community mechanchim will soon be added for the short term to bolster our immediate efforts on the ground.

5. The RCC welcomes the involvement of the local independent Rabbinic Committee, headed by Rabbi Nechemia Langer and Rabbi Shimon Raichik, to further examine and monitor necessary changes of kashrus standards in our community. We pledge full cooperation with this Committee in our effort to raise the kashrus standards in our community.

We hope that this update will help you appreciate the quality of our Rabbonim who are committed to serve our kehilla with dedication, transparency, and responsibility.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the community for its long-standing support. We look forward to serving the community in accordance with the lofty principles set forth in our Torah and Halacha.

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