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**TEMPLE ISAIAH LAUNCHES GUN LEGISLATION ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

*Group Supported by Majority of Temple Members*

**Los Angeles, Calif.** – The Board of Trustees of Temple Isaiah today announced that it has approved the formation of a Gun Legislation Advocacy Committee (GLAC). The purpose of the Committee is to take effective, public action to support President Obama’s “Now Is The Time” plan, which includes strengthened background checks for all gun purchases and the closure of existing loopholes, increased access to mental health services, and places a ban on high-capacity magazines and military-style assault weapons.

“In light of the support of a large majority of the congregants, as well as Temple Isaiah’s mission to pursue social justice, the Board was very pleased to approve the creation of the GLAC,” said Beth Braen, immediate past President of Temple Isaiah’s Board of Trustees. “Our vote was the culmination of a very well thought-out proposal.”

“A single adverse vote in the Senate will not deter us,” said Karen Sloane, Chair of the GLAC. “Our task, in the tradition of the prophets, is to continue the pursuit of justice – to create a more just, compassionate and peaceful society for all people. We also believe that we must heed the biblical injunction that we ‘must not stand idly by the blood of our neighbor.’ In light of this, the GLAC will be working diligently to build coalitions with a diverse group of neighbors, which will include interfaith and non-religious organizations, as well as other synagogues.”

**About Temple Isaiah**

Temple Isaiah is a Reform congregation in Los Angeles whose mission is to create and nourish a sacred community. We do this by deepening our relationship with God, developing leadership within the Temple community and beyond, committing ourselves to prayer and the study of Torah, and upholding the tradition of tikkun olam – healing the world.

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