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STATEMENT ON THE JAUME PLENSA SCUPLTURE IN SHOREWOOD, WISCONSIN

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation is grateful to the Village of Shorewood and artist Jaume Plensa for their handling of the controversy surrounding the sculpture, "Spillover II." The sculpture will be temporarily removed from the park for restoration immediately. We're grateful for their sensitive handling of this situation. They demonstrated great understanding of how deeply offensive it would be to find anti-Jewish – or any hateful -- words in a piece of public art. We indeed live in a time in which there is reason for increased sensitivity and awareness. We look forward to celebrating with Shorewood when the sculpture returns to Atwater Park.