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It is very disturbing to learn from the media that Delta Airlines has adopted the so-called "No Jew Policy" of Saudi Arabian Airlines. Delta will add Saudi Arabian Airlines to its SkyTeam Alliance of partnering companies and would require Delta to ban Jews and holders of Israeli passports from boarding flights to Saudi Arabia.

Although Delta has asserted that it does not discriminate nor condone discrimination against any protected class of passenger in regards to age, race, nationality, religion, or gender, Delta claims that it must comply with all applicable laws in every country it serves and that if the Saudi government denies Jews from entering its country and Delta brings them there on its flight they can be fined.

This issue is one of principle. Delta is not required to partner with and include Saudi Arabian Airlines into its Sky Team Alliance. In fact, Delta could refuse to include Saudi Arabian Airlines based on its discriminatory policy. In the same vein, the City of Los Angeles is not required to and does not have to do business with Delta Airlines or be associated with it in any way so long as Delta chooses to continue on this discriminatory path.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council adopt a policy prohibiting any City travel on Delta Airlines and instruct the City Administrative Officer to report with recommendations for implementing this policy as well as for having the City's various pension systems to divest from any investments they might have in Delta Airlines.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Mayor be requested to raise this issue with the United States Conference of Mayors and to ask that organization to adopt a similar policy against Delta Airlines.

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