## California Assemblyman Introduces Anti-BDS Bill

From a bill (AB-1552) that, if adopted, would prohibit staterun government entities from doing business with companies that engage in boycotts with a "person or entity…based on the race, color, religion, gender, or nationality." The BDS movement, said Allen, "use(s) false, demonizing, and delegitimizing propaganda against the State of Israel."

"[It] has become a pretext for the expression of anti-Jewish bigotry," he said. "I look forward to ensuring California continues to stand with Israel as a vital ally and economic partner." Allen posted an image on <u>introduced</u> a similar bill in October. Illinois and South Carolina passed anti-BDS legislation in May and June, respectively.

Allen also introduced another <u>Congress made it illegal</u> for U.S. companies to cooperate with the Arab League boycott, threatening civil and criminal penalties.