From:	Lisa Bock
To:	Gordo, Victor
Subject:	Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date:	Friday, March 15, 2024 12:52:34 PM

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Sincerely, Lisa Bock

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From: Marit Boiler Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:32:33 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net> Cc: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net> Subject: March 18 ceasefire resolution - please vote yes

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Dear Council Member Lyon,

l'm a Pasadena resident.

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Thank you,

Marit Boiler

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From:	cityclerk
Sent:	Friday, March 15, 2024 6:37 PM
То:	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject:	FW: Ceasefire Resolution

From: Christine Boomhower <

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:36:18 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net> Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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То:	Gordo, Victor
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Dear Mayor Gordo,

I am writing to express my extreme concern regarding the recent decision to move forward with a resolution for an immediate cease-fire in Israel. I understand that this decision may have been influenced by various voices advocating for such action, but I believe it is imperative to consider the implications of such resolutions carefully.

While the intention behind advocating for a cease-fire may appear noble on the surface, it is crucial to recognize the nuanced complexities of the situation in the Middle East. Resolutions like these risk oversimplifying the conflict and unfairly placing blame solely on Israel while ignoring the actions of groups like Hamas, which have repeatedly violated cease-fires and perpetrated acts of terrorism against Israeli civilians.

Moreover, by singling out Israel and implying a lack of interest in peace on its part, these resolutions undermine the efforts of the Israeli government and the international community to achieve a lasting peace in the region. They fail to acknowledge Israel's legitimate security concerns and the need for a comprehensive approach that addresses the root causes of the conflict.

Furthermore, such resolutions do not take into account the broader consequences they may have, including the empowerment and legitimization of antisemitism. It is deeply troubling that at a time when antisemitic incidents are on the rise globally, resolutions like these risk fueling hatred and discrimination against Jewish communities. By singling out Israel in a manner that overlooks the complexities of the conflict, such resolutions can inadvertently contribute to a climate where antisemitic rhetoric and actions are tolerated and even encouraged.

As a Pasadena resident, and a victim of an antisemitic targeting last year, when pamphlets singling out jews were left in from of my property, a resolution like this will further undermine the safety of my family and my community.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Pasadena City Council to reconsider its decision and to refrain from adopting resolutions that oversimplify the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Instead, I encourage you to support initiatives that promote dialogue, mutual understanding, and genuine efforts towards a sustainable and just peace for all parties involved.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. Sincerely,

<u>Betsy Borns</u>
Gordo, Victor
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Sabha, Tamer

Isaac Bovyer Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:52 PM
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Dear Council Members,

I am reaching out in opposition to a ceasefire resolution that will be proposed at your meeting this Monday, March 18.

While this appears to be a resolution in favor of peace, in fact it is a propaganda move to incite anti-Democracy, anti-Israel, and anti-Jewish sentiments. I urge you to refuse to even consider the resolution.

These politically motivated resolutions are circulating in "toolkits" sent out by the Committee on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and other terrorist network support groups in the U.S. [1]. The toolkits overtly state that they do not care about the wording; they just want to be able to claim that the city/county has denounced Israel. They have unfailingly proved divisive to the community and have had the effect of pitting sides against each other in antipathy rather than bonding them together in a mutual desire for peace.

There is no possibility of a ceasefire while Hamas is still in power. As Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) said, "Israel must destroy every element of Hamas," who's sole and sinister purpose is to eradicate Israel and the Jewish people [2]. For your reference, we have provided excerpts from the Hamas charter below [3].

Hamas has rejected proposals for months-long pauses in fighting simply in exchange for releasing the hostages. They have vowed to draw Israel into an eternal war, manipulating public opinion and thwarting the process of normalization underway between Israel and several Arab countries. Please note that there was in fact a ceasefire in place on October 7, when Hamas slaughtered Israelis, Americans, and Foreign Nationals in the most barbaric ways seen in centuries. Hamas vows to repeat this over and over even after a new ceasefire agreement is reached.

Furthermore, I urge you not to approve any resolution whose language parrots a false narrative claiming that Jewish people in Israel are colonizers engaged in a 75-year occupation. In fact there has been a Jewish presence in Israel for the past 3,000 years. They are neither colonizers, nor "occupiers" in Gaza - Gaza has been independent since 2005 when Israel removed all its residents and military from Gaza. In 2006, Gazans voted Hamas into power and they have been under Hamas rule since. Nonetheless, anti-Israel and anti-Jewish voices claim that Israel is occupying Gaza and that "resistance is justified", spreading dangerous misinformation about a democratic country that is used as a justification for terrorism.

As a city council, you represent your local residents in municipal decisions. If the city council were to engage in international affairs, you would likely need to vote on various matters, such as the ongoing Syrian war, the Yemen Civil War, the Rohingya Crisis, the South Sudanese Civil War, and numerous other global issues.

Sadly, ceasefire resolutions have been considered in many city councils in the past few months, and each time rather than enhance peace, they have brought with them vitriol, which has contributed to the 400% increase in anti-Semitism in this country [4]. We have most recently witnessed alarming Neo-Nazi marches in Nashville, the apprehension of an individual plotting to harm the Jewish community in Indiana, physical harm inflicted on jews on college campuses, the murder of a Jewish man in San Diego and the unsettling cancellation of all college classes in Queens due to a credible terrorist threat.

Normalizing hate against Jews fuels white supremacy, which is seeing an unprecedented growth. The normalization of hate against Jews inadvertently is going to impact ALL minorities. We don't need any more hate in this country. We cannot regress as a country.

Jewish people do not advocate for unnecessary conflicts; it's not in our nature. Our priority is the safe return of our innocent civilians who are being held hostage, possibly under very violent conditions. Additionally, we must protect ourselves from a hostile terrorist organization that harbors destructive intentions towards Jews. Let's be clear, Hamas is waging a war against the Jewish people and democracy itself. Senior Hamas official Mahmoud Al-Zahar stated on December 12, 2022, "The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no treachery, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity." (source: https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2F5n8298r4&data=05%7C02%7Cmigu elmarquez%40cityofpasadena.net%7Cd2fc6a24a4b2484e2b3208dc461c8520%7C82d9fc002c664402a28fc6bcdc32e491 %7C1%7C0%7C638462335521977536%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil 6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bvNP8qkAW3jLTXkrYJgBMDAdgYlw%2FHi7IEwK9IIDs8E%3D &reserved=0)

Furthermore, with all the international conflicts that have not merited your attention, deciding to suddenly weigh in on Israel's foreign policy would send a dual message: a) that a democracy has no right to defend itself against barbaric terrorism, and b) that you hold Israel to a different standard than other countries.

The European Parliament has passed a stipulation that any call for a ceasefire should be conditional on the complete dismantling of Hamas and the immediate and unconditional release of hostages. We hope you would agree.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Isaac Bovyer Member Chabad of Pasadena

82% of Americans support Israel's fight against Hamas" (Harvard Harris Poll). [5]

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Excerpts from Hamas Charter:

1. 'Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.' (Preamble)

2. 'The day the enemies usurp part of Muslim land, Jihad becomes the individual duty of every Muslim. In the face of the Jews' usurpation, it is compulsory that the banner of Jihad be raised.' (Article 15)

3. 'Ranks will close, fighters joining other fighters, and masses everywhere in the Islamic world will come forward in response to the call of duty, loudly proclaiming: 'Hail to Jihad!'. This cry will reach the heavens and will go on being resounded until liberation is achieved, the invaders vanquished and Allah's victory comes about.' (Article 33)

4. There is no solution for the Palestinian problem except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals, and international conferences are a waste of time and futile.' (Article 13)

5. 'The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.' (Article 7) [3].

Kenebrew, Jerice

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Sent:	Saturday, March 16, 2024 3:02 PM
То:	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette
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From: Luna Bowser

Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 3:01:42 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Gordo, Victor Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; cityclerk

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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

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Please support a ceasefire! Vote "Yes" on the resolution introduced by Counilmember Rivas, this Monday

Thank you,

Luna Bowser

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Jomsky, Mark

From:	Dr brand
Sent:	Monday, March 18, 2024 9:12 AM
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Subject:	Re: Hamas / Israel Resolution
Date:	Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:57:29 PM

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Mayor Gordo and City Council Members:

I would like to amend my previous memo to you all and would urge that the City vote no on any official position on such political issues that are not local to the City of Pasadena.

Thank you.

Professor Peter Braun Adjunct Assistant Professor (retired) USC Suzanne Dworak - Peck School of Social Work

On Thu, Mar 14, 2024 at 3:39 PM Peter Braun · vrote: Dear Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers:

I write to you as a longtime resident of Pasadena, having lived here for over 40 years. I have been very involved in the civic affairs of our City, including as a member of the Human Relations Council.

It is my understanding the City Council will be considering a resolution regarding the Israel / Hamas War this coming Monday. There are so many issues that our City is dealing with from public schools to public health, from water usage to public safety, and beyond. I urge our City Council not to take official positions on such political issues that are not local to our City. Official positions such as this one to be proposed regarding a foreign policy concern should be considered at the Federal level, not at the municipal level.

I urge that the City Council not adopt an official position on such political issues that are not local to our City. I would add that such resolutions in other cities have caused division and have made it more difficult for citizens to work together for shared local interests.

Please vote yes for such a resolution.

You may admit this email as testimony in Monday's City Council Meeting.

Professor Peter Braun Adjunct Assistant Professor (retired) USC Suzanne Dworak - Peck School of Social Work

Sabha, Tamer

From: Sent: To: Subject: Dan Braum Monday, March 18, 2024 7:27 AM PublicComment-AutoResponse Ceasefire Resolution

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Honorable City Council Members,

Please don't pass this symbolic measure that will only alienate the Jewish and Israeli Communities.

Israel is a democracy and the IDF operates within International Norms. While any loss of life is tragic, the numbers being but out by the Hamas Terrorist Group are simply false.

Pasadena is a beautiful city. Let's not tarnish your reputation with a resolution that will end up on the wrong side of history.

For your reference:

https://www.jns.org/hamas-fakes-casualty-figures-the-numbers-are-not-real/

Respectfully,

Dan Braum

Kenebrew, Jerice

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To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date:	Friday, March 15, 2024 6:26:50 PM

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Thank you, Olivia Brighton

From:	Jeremy Broekman
To:	Gordo, Victor
Subject:	Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date:	Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:50:39 PM

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Sincerely, Jeremy Broekman

From:	Yulia Bronstein
To:	action@endjewhatred.com
Subject:	Vote NO to a ceasefire
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Dear Council Members,

We are reaching out in opposition to a ceasefire resolution that will be proposed at your meeting.

While this appears to be a resolution in favor of peace, in fact it is a propaganda move to incite anti-Democracy, anti-Israel, and anti-Jewish sentiments. We urge you to refuse to even consider the resolution.

These politically motivated resolutions are circulating in "toolkits" sent out by the Committee on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and other terrorist network support groups in the U.S. [1]. The toolkits overtly state that they do not care about the wording; they just want to be able to claim that the city/county has denounced Israel. They have unfailingly proved divisive to the community and have had the effect of pitting sides against each other in antipathy rather than bonding them together in a mutual desire for peace.

There is no possibility of a ceasefire while Hamas is still in power. As Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) said, "Israel must destroy every element of Hamas," who's sole and sinister purpose is to eradicate Israel and the Jewish people [2]. For your reference, we have provided excerpts from the Hamas charter below [3].

Hamas has rejected proposals for months-long pauses in fighting simply in exchange for releasing the hostages. They have vowed to draw Israel into an eternal war, manipulating public opinion and thwarting the process of normalization underway between Israel and several Arab countries. Please note that there was in fact a ceasefire in place on October 7, when Hamas slaughtered Israelis, Americans, and Foreign Nationals in the most barbaric ways seen in centuries. Hamas vows to repeat this over and over even after a new ceasefire agreement is reached.

Furthermore, we urge you not to approve any resolution whose language parrots a false narrative claiming that Jewish people in Israel are colonizers engaged in a 75-year occupation. In fact there has been a Jewish presence in Israel for the past 3,000 years. They are neither colonizers, nor "occupiers" in Gaza - Gaza has been independent since 2005 when Israel removed all its residents and military from Gaza. In 2006, Gazans voted Hamas into power and they have been under Hamas rule since. Nonetheless, anti-Israel and anti-Jewish voices claim that Israel is occupying Gaza and that "resistance is justified", spreading dangerous misinformation about a democratic country that is used as a justification for terrorism.

As a city council, you represent your local residents in municipal decisions. If the city council were to engage in international affairs, you would likely need to vote on various matters, such as the ongoing Syrian war, the Yemen Civil War, the Rohingya Crisis, the South Sudanese

Civil War, and numerous other global issues.

Sadly, ceasefire resolutions have been considered in many city councils in the past few months, and each time rather than enhance peace, they have brought with them vitriol, which has contributed to the 400% increase in anti-Semitism in this country [4]. We have most recently witnessed alarming Neo-Nazi marches in Nashville, the apprehension of an individual plotting to harm the Jewish community in Indiana, physical harm inflicted on jews on college campuses, the murder of a Jewish man in San Diego and the unsettling cancellation of all college classes in Queens due to a credible terrorist threat.

Normalizing hate against Jews fuels white supremacy, which is seeing an unprecedented growth. The normalization of hate against Jews inadvertently is going to impact ALL minorities. We don't need any more hate in this country. We cannot regress as a country.

Jewish people do not advocate for unnecessary conflicts; it's not in our nature. Our priority is the safe return of our innocent civilians who are being held hostage, possibly under very violent conditions. Additionally, we must protect ourselves from a hostile terrorist organization that harbors destructive intentions towards Jews. Let's be clear, Hamas is waging a war against the Jewish people and democracy itself. Senior Hamas official Mahmoud Al-Zahar stated on December 12, 2022, "The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no treachery, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity." (source: http://tinyurl.com/5n8298r4)

Furthermore, with all the international conflicts that have not merited your attention, deciding to suddenly weigh in on Israel's foreign policy would send a dual message: a) that a democracy has no right to defend itself against barbaric terrorism, and b) that you hold Israel to a different standard than other countries.

The European Parliament has passed a stipulation that any call for a ceasefire should be conditional on the complete dismantling of Hamas and the immediate and unconditional release of hostages. We hope you would agree.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yulia Bronstein 82% of Americans support Israel's fight against Hamas" (Harvard Harris Poll). [5]

References:

[1] CAIR toolkit: <u>https://www.cair.com/press_releases/cair-releases-community-toolkit-on-promoting-gaza-ceasefire-resolutions-by-state-local-governments/</u>

[2] https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/4336113-rubio-activists-Israel-hamas-cease-fire

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[4] https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-antisemitic-incidents-up-about-400-since-israelhamas-war-began-report-says-2023-10-25/ [5] https://harvardharrispoll.com

Excerpts from Hamas Charter:

1. 'Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.' (Preamble)

2. 'The day the enemies usurp part of Muslim land, Jihad becomes the individual duty of every Muslim. In the face of the Jews' usurpation, it is compulsory that the banner of Jihad be raised.' (Article 15)

3. 'Ranks will close, fighters joining other fighters, and masses everywhere in the Islamic world will come forward in response to the call of duty, loudly proclaiming: 'Hail to Jihad!'. This cry will reach the heavens and will go on being resounded until liberation is achieved, the invaders vanquished and Allah's victory comes about.' (Article 33)

4. There is no solution for the Palestinian problem except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals, and international conferences are a waste of time and futile.' (Article 13)

5. 'The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.' (Article 7) [3].

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Sent:	Saturday, March 16, 2024 1:11 PM
	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
	FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

From: Ellen Brotsky

Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 1:11:12 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>
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Thank you,

Ellen Brotsky Jewish Community Member

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From:	Deborah Broumeie	.om>
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From: Charisse Brown

Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:52:08 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Gordo, Victor Cc: Hampton, Tyron: Williams, Felicia: Jones, Justin: Masuda, Gene: Rivas, Jessica: Madis

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:

I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution when it comes up on the 18th. Pasadena should join the dozens of American cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions. Gaza is running out of time, and needs us to act now.

Pasadena city council has a proud history of standing for justice, even though the council does not exert direct control over national policy. They have spoken out on issues of grave importance in the past - massacres in Artsakh, reproductive freedom, protecting immigrants - this issue deserves the same consideration.

Approximately 40,000 Palestinians have been killed, with tens of thousands more under the rubble. Two-thirds of the dead are women and children. Famine and disease are spreading, and deaths will escalate sharply without an immediate ceasefire and an inflow of aid.

The United Nations has repeatedly voted to pass a ceasefire resolution because the world sees that what is happening in Palestine is not self-defense, but ethnic cleansing and genocide. The refusal by the US to allow the world to speak with one voice is one of the reasons we are here.

Ceasefire is the way to ensure the safe return of all hostages. This is why families of Israeli hostages have been pleading with their government to agree to a ceasefire.

To say that Oct 7 was the end of a ceasefire is simply untrue. Prior to October 7th, 2023 was the deadliest year on record for Palestinians killed by Israel, with 507 Palestinians killed in the West Bank alone. Violence by Israeli forces and also by Israeli settlers (which has been encouraged by the Israeli government) had been escalating and unrelenting leading up to October 7th.

Israel's right to defend itself does not allow it to commit war crimes. Self-defense is not a blank check for genocide. Mass starvation is not self-defense. Mass displacement is not self-defense. Destroying 85 percent of Gaza's homes, as well as schools, hospitals, museums and houses of worship is not self-defense.

Israel has again attacked Palestinian civilians waiting in line to get aid. This time, Israeli forces have killed 80 and injured up to 200 people.

Palestinians do not have time; please act with courage and swiftness to pass this resolution.

Thank you

From:	Michele Browning
To:	<u>Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason;</u>
	<u>Márguez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark; Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	Jason Moss; Rabbi Goldstein
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I am writing to you with deep concern regarding theproposed resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. While I understand the importance of peace and humanitarian efforts in conflict zones, it is crucial to address the root cause of the conflict and not simply call for a ceasefire without considering the context.

Israel, a sovereign state, has been subject to unprovoked attacks from Hamas. It is imperative to acknowledge that Israel did not initiate these hostilities; rather, they have been defending themselves against relentless aggression. To blindly call for a ceasefire without condemning the initial acts of aggression against Israel is unjust and only serves to perpetuate the cycle of violence.

Furthermore, the situation in Gaza is compounded by the ongoing hostage crisis. Innocent civilians, including young children, are being held against their will. The fact that these hostages are from Israel should not diminish the urgency of their plight. Every life is precious, and it is our moral obligation to stand against such atrocities regardless of nationality.

By advocating for a ceasefire without addressing the underlying issues and the plight of the hostages, we risk ignoring the fundamental principles of justice and human rights. It is crucial that any resolution or action taken by our esteemed council reflects a balanced understanding of the situation and upholds the values of fairness and accountability.

Please understand that we as Jews in Pasadena right now are not okay. My daughter has been attacked on her middle school campus for being Jewish and even wearing my Star of David has created very uncomfortable and unkind situations and conversations. It is frightening.

I urge you to reconsider the resolution and instead focus on promoting dialogue, condemning acts of aggression, and advocating for the safe release of all hostages. Only through a comprehensive and principled approach can we hope to achieve lasting peace and justice in the region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the

Iraheta, Alba

From:	Marci Bruffey	5
Sent:	Friday, March 15, 2024 5:10 PM	
То:	Márquez, Miguel	
Subject:	Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"	

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Dear City Manager Miguel Marquiz,

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I urge you not to adopt a resolution and use your energy to bring people together, rather than further dividing us.

Sincerely, Marci Bruffey

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From:	Katelyn Burke
Sent:	Monday, March 18, 2024 8:34 AM
To:	jrivas@cityofpasadena.net
Cc:	cityclerk; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject:	Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Jess Rivas,

Please vote "Yes" to the resolution condemning the genocide in Gaza and calling for a ceasefire on Monday March 18.

Human Rights Watch agrees

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Human Rights Watch has also previously called the conditions in the West Bank and Gaza "apartheid" conditions <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%253Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.hrw.org%2Freport%2F2021%2F04%2F27%2Fthreshold-crossed%2Fisraeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-

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The Israeli human rights group,

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eserved=0> and states, "...this policy is not new, but has been implemented towards Gaza for many years. The death, destruction, pain and horror it has wrought have led to nothing but more horror."

Pasadena can do our part by passing a ceasefire resolution now.

Katelyn Tinius

Zip Code 91101

From:	brutchey	
To:	Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica;	
	Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark	
Subject:	ceasefire resolution for March 18 city council meeting	
Date:	Wednesday, March 13, 2024 7:32:39 PM	

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My family and I are congregants of Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center (1434 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena, CA 91107). I learned that the Pasadena City Council will put a resolution for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas conflict on the upcoming agenda for March 18. I am squarely against this action.

We should all be deeply disturbed by how local ceasefire resolutions across the country have unleashed the worst behavior in these communities – including at public hearings that invoke dangerous antisemitism – including the denial of (1) the facts of Oct. 7, (2) the legitimacy of the existence of Israel, and (3) the basic human rights of Jews. Such hearings do not advance peace. They do not make local Jewish communities safer. Rather, they put Jewish citizens in these communities at further risk of emotional and physical harm. Do not let this happen in Pasadena.

I urge you to be thoughtful in how you use your platform in the City of Pasadena so as not to do more harm than good and to hold the whole of your local communities' needs in your decisions. Local government bodies should focus on local matters and should not adopt official positions on political issues that are not local to them, as is the case in this situation.

Please include my comments in the public record.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Brutchey, Ph.D.

From:	Laura Burhenn
To:	Gordo, Victor
Cc:	cityclerk; Williams, Felicia; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Jones, Justin; Lyon, Jason; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron
Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date:	Friday, March 15, 2024 4:36:41 PM
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Thank you, Laura.

LAURA BIRD BURHENN

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From:	<u>Svetlana Burak</u>
To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Subject:	Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date:	Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:25:53 AM

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Sincerely, Svetlana Burak

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From:	Robin Burkhardt	>
Sent:	Monday, March 18, 2024 7:11 AM	
То:	Márquez, Miguel	
Subject:	Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"	

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From:	Kelly Burlingham
To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date:	Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:37:34 AM

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Thank you, Kelly Burlingham

Iraheta, Alba

From:	cityclerk
Sent:	Friday, March 15, 2024 6:43 PM
То:	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette
	(Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject:	FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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From: Chris Burlison Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:42:36 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Gordo, Victor Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; cityclerk Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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Thank you,

Christina Burlison

Sent from my iPhone

То:	cityclerk Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:17 AM Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette
· ·	(Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John FW: Vote "YES" to Ceasefire Resolution

From: Ty Buxman
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:16:35 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Vote "YES" to Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:

I attend church at Pasadena Mennonite which is located in District 4. I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution when it comes up on the 18th. Pasadena should join the dozens of American cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions. Gaza is running out of time, and needs us to act now.

Pasadena city council has a proud history of standing for justice, even though the council does not exert direct control over national policy. They have spoken out on issues of grave importance in the past - massacres in Artsakh, reproductive freedom, protecting immigrants - this issue deserves the same consideration.

Approximately 40,000 Palestinians have been killed, with tens of thousands more under the rubble. Two-thirds of the dead are women and children. Famine and disease are spreading, and deaths will escalate sharply without an immediate ceasefire and an inflow of aid.

The United Nations has repeatedly voted to pass a ceasefire resolution because the world sees that what is happening in Palestine is not self-defense, but ethnic cleansing and genocide. The refusal by the US to allow the world to speak with one voice is one of the reasons we are here.

Ceasefire is the way to ensure the safe return of all hostages. This is why families of Israeli hostages have been pleading with their government to agree to a ceasefire.

To say that Oct 7 was the end of a ceasefire is simply untrue. Prior to October 7th, 2023 was the deadliest year on record for Palestinians killed by Israel, with 507 Palestinians killed in the West Bank alone. Violence by Israeli forces and also by Israeli settlers (which has been encouraged by the Israeli government) had been escalating and unrelenting leading up to October 7th.

Israel's right to defend itself does not allow it to commit war crimes. Self-defense is not a blank check for genocide. Mass starvation is not self-defense. Mass displacement is not self-defense. Destroying 85 percent of Gaza's homes, as well as schools, hospitals, museums and houses of worship is not self-defense.

From:	cityclerk
Sent:	Sunday, March 17, 2024 7:00 PM
То:	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette
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Subject:	FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

From: Michelle Pfaltzgraff Byrd

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 6:59:28 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>

Cc: Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>; Jones, Justin <justinjones@cityofpasadena.net>; Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>; Rivas, Jessica <jerivas@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net> **Subject:** Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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Thank you, Michelle Byrd

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From: Kima Cabalona <kin

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 1:32:54 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Gordo, Victor

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Thank you, Kima Cabalona

From:	AUDREY CAMPBELL
To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
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Thank you, Audrey Campbell

From:	Marcos Canales
To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
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My name is Marcos Canales and I'm the pastor of La Fuente Ministries, a Latina, bilingual Nazarene congregation in Pasadena. I'm also a resident of the city for the past six years. I'm a constituent of District 1.

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To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
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Thank you, Angela Candeo

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Iraheta, Alba

From:	cityclerk
Sent:	Friday, March 15, 2024 8:48 PM
То:	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette
	(Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject:	FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

From: Angelica Barakat Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:47:26 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Gordo, Victor Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; cityclerk Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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Dear Victor Gordo,

I live in Pasadena.

Please vote "Yes" to the ceasefire resolution on Monday, March 18.

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James 91106

From:	Jessica Cantos
To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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It clear based on last week's meeting that the people of pasadena are begging for a ceasefire and that passing this resolution is more than symbolic. Will our city stand for or against genocide?

Thank you,

From:	Norm Cantor
To:	action@endjewhatred.com
Subject:	Vote NO to a ceasefire
Date:	Friday, March 15, 2024 2:24:45 PM

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Dear Council Members,

We are reaching out in opposition to a ceasefire resolution that will be proposed at your meeting.

While this appears to be a resolution in favor of peace, in fact it is a propaganda move to incite anti-Democracy, anti-Israel, and anti-Jewish sentiments. We urge you to refuse to even consider the resolution.

These politically motivated resolutions are circulating in "toolkits" sent out by the Committee on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and other terrorist network support groups in the U.S. [1]. The toolkits overtly state that they do not care about the wording; they just want to be able to claim that the city/county has denounced Israel. They have unfailingly proved divisive to the community and have had the effect of pitting sides against each other in antipathy rather than bonding them together in a mutual desire for peace.

There is no possibility of a ceasefire while Hamas is still in power. As Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) said, "Israel must destroy every element of Hamas," who's sole and sinister purpose is to eradicate Israel and the Jewish people [2]. For your reference, we have provided excerpts from the Hamas charter below [3].

Hamas has rejected proposals for months-long pauses in fighting simply in exchange for releasing the hostages. They have vowed to draw Israel into an eternal war, manipulating public opinion and thwarting the process of normalization underway between Israel and several Arab countries. Please note that there was in fact a ceasefire in place on October 7, when Hamas slaughtered Israelis, Americans, and Foreign Nationals in the most barbaric ways seen in centuries. Hamas vows to repeat this over and over even after a new ceasefire agreement is reached.

Furthermore, we urge you not to approve any resolution whose language parrots a false narrative claiming that Jewish people in Israel are colonizers engaged in a 75-year occupation. In fact there has been a Jewish presence in Israel for the past 3,000 years. They are neither colonizers, nor "occupiers" in Gaza - Gaza has been independent since 2005 when Israel removed all its residents and military from Gaza. In 2006, Gazans voted Hamas into power and they have been under Hamas rule since. Nonetheless, anti-Israel and anti-Jewish voices claim that Israel is occupying Gaza and that "resistance is justified", spreading dangerous misinformation about a democratic country that is used as a justification for terrorism.

As a city council, you represent your local residents in municipal decisions. If the city council were to engage in international affairs, you would likely need to vote on various matters, such as the ongoing Syrian war, the Yemen Civil War, the Rohingya Crisis, the South Sudanese

From:	cityclerk
Sent:	Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:08 AM
То:	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette
	(Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

From: Christopher Capp

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:07:58 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Gordo, Victor Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; cityclerk Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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From: Tommaso Cappellato

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:27:01 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: Gordo, Victor

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