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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,

Audrie caracciola

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

References:

[1] CAIR toolkit: [https://www.cair.com/press\\_releases/cair-releases-community-toolkit-on-promoting-gaza-ceasefire-resolutions-by-state-local-governments/](https://www.cair.com/press_releases/cair-releases-community-toolkit-on-promoting-gaza-ceasefire-resolutions-by-state-local-governments/)

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

[3] [https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/hamas.asp](https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp)

[4] <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-antisemitic-incidents-up-about-400-since-israel-hamas-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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This is in response to the proposed resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, to be considered at the Council's March 18, 2024 meeting.

The City of Pasadena has no jurisdiction, expertise, or even information to justify a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Such a ceasefire, without condition, would amount to a victory for the terrorist organization Hamas, which would remain capable of further pursuing its avowed mission of destroying Israel. On October 6, 2023, there was a ceasefire in effect between Israel and Hamas. Hamas broke that ceasefire on October 7, with the rape, butchery, murder and kidnapping of Israeli civilians. Hamas knew Israel would be forced to respond, and they had spent years preparing for such a response. Hamas diverted international funding and aid to Gaza from the civilian population for which it was intended, to the building of a vast tunnel system specifically sited under hospitals, schools and markets so as to use the population above as human shields. What government does that to its own people? Israel's response was both justified and necessary to protect itself. The conflict was initiated by Hamas, and could end tomorrow if Hamas would only surrender and release the hostages it kidnapped from Israel. Responsibility for all the human suffering in Israel and Gaza since October 7 – for every dead Israeli and Gazan, for the thousands who have been wounded in the conflict, for every hungry child and broken family – lies solely with Hamas.

The City of Pasadena has no business passing a ceasefire resolution. Such a resolution would inevitably exacerbate anger and division within the city, while accomplishing nothing of substance, and I urge you to vote "No" on the resolution. Nevertheless, if the council should decide to pass such a resolution, it should be directed to the one party who brought on the conflict and can end it unilaterally – Hamas.

Please include this in the public record.

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**Iraheta, Alba**

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Sincerely,  
Liz Carnes  
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**From:** [Debra Carnow](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Greitzer Carolyn  
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## Sabha, Tamer


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From: Annel Carpintero ·  
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It is critical that we respond firmly and strongly with a ceasefire resolution. Please join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudahy, Oakland, and Pomona in voting for a ceasefire by voting “Yes” on the resolution introduced by Councilmember Rivas, this Monday

Thank you,

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To the Pasadena City Council,

I am writing to you to ask that you pass the ceasefire resolution. The ongoing violence and death in Gaza against Palestinians by Israel has claimed the lives of more than 30,000 people with about 70% of those deaths being women and children. Israel has continued to block aid resulting in at least 23 children dying from starvation to date, and continues its military advancement into Rafah where about 1.5 million civilians are with no safe places to go. Please join the voice of the people in passing the ceasefire resolution.

Thank you for your time,  
Carson

**From:** [Jacky Carter](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [cityclerk](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#)  
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Jacky Carter

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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.

**From:** Robert Cash  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
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Dear Pasadena City Council members:

On Monday, March 11th the Pasadena City Council voted to move forward with a request to adopt a resolution for an immediate cease-fire in Israel. As a resident of Pasadena, I am **strongly oppose** the resolution!

Do you have to follow every decision the Los Angeles City counsel makes? Do you take your orders directly from the City of Los Angeles? We voted you in to help the residents of Pasadena not follow every decision Los Angeles makes.

A resolution is a firm decision to do or not to do something! What exactly are you going to do? Is your resolution going to stop a war, release hostages? No, it is only going to motivate protesters to come to our city and cause havoc.

You are giving in to the George Soros backed "Free Palestine" group that was the previous "Antifa" and "BLM" protesters. These groups do not live in Pasadena, they are the same ones that have gone to surrounding cities and forced some city council members to bow down to their demands. Not all surrounding cities have caved in on their demands, most have focused on what is best for their cities.

I have a better idea, why don't you get rid of the murders, gangs and thugs that are crossing our border and coming to Pasadena to kill and attack the residents in Pasadena. We cannot walk down Colorado Blvd., without some psychopath yelling at us. I will not let my wife get gas by herself, because of the crazy homeless people coming to Pasadena from Los Angeles and surrounding areas. The criminal homeless know Pasadena will not do anything to them because you are focused on every and anything other than them.

I have a better resolution for you: Support Pasadena Police!, let them do their jobs. I just checked the latest 2022 crime statistics for Pasadena there have been 7 Murders, 28 Rapes, 119 Robberies, 364 Assaults and you are concerned with a resolution in the Middle East?

One more thing. I am a Spanish Jew, the Inquisition also had Resolutions. They started with a resolution and ended with Pogrom's. Pogrom's lead to and culminated in the massacres of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese Jews. In the 1500's one of my ancestors living in Sante Fe New Mexico was accused of being a Jew, he was brought in front of the inquisition, found guilty and burned at the stake in New Spain,

now Mexico. You may believe you are voting on a resolution, however you cannot predict what your resolution will manifest into.

Sincerely,  
Your constituent, and resident of Pasadena

Baron Castillo



**From:** Cecile  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [cityclerk](#); [Lyon, Jason](#)  
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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to vote for an immediate permanent ceasefire in Gaza. While the killing of innocent civilians is unjustifiable on both sides, it is important to see that **this conflict did not start on October 7**. Historical documents from Israel evidence grave atrocities committed against Palestinians as far back as 1948, including multiple massacres in order to expel them and establish the state of Israel on Palestinian land. And now, they are suffering through the most brutal slaughter and forced starvation in modern history.

Yet, regardless of the context, there is no justification for what Israel is doing now in Gaza, which would not be possible without U.S. military funding and diplomatic cover. We must end this now.

The City Council has spoken out against the massacres in Artsakh, reproductive freedom, and protecting immigrants - this issue deserves the same consideration. Last month, a US federal Court in California found that Israel was “plausibly” committing genocide and stated that “it is every individual’s obligation to confront the current siege in Gaza.”

The historical context of Israel and Palestine is important and relevant. Once the truth comes out, it becomes crystal clear that the only path to lasting peace is a permanent ceasefire that can lead to justice and freedom for Palestine.

Thank you for your time and open mindedness on this matter.

Regards,  
Cecile

**From:** [Sheena Cera](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Sheena Cera

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
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**From:** [Elliot Chalme](#)  
**To:** [action@endjewhatred.com](mailto:action@endjewhatred.com)  
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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,

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].

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Linda Chaman <ljchaman@pasadenagrace.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 9:23 AM  
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## Kenebrew, Jerice


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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:00 PM  
**To:** 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: ESTEE CHANDLER  
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:59:18 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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Thank you,

~Estee Chandler  
Jewish Voice for Peace Action

**Iraheta, Alba**


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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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Please vote for what's right without letting bias get in the way. Put humanity over political and monetary interests.  
Thank you,  
Jennifer Chavando

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** David Chávez <dfchavez@cityofhampton.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 11:10 AM  
**To:** Hampton, Tyron; PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor  
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Mayor Gordo and City Council Members

I am writing to voice my full support for the ceasefire resolution before the Council and urge all of you to be on the right side of history and vote yes on the resolution. Our city should join 153 nations who voted at the UN General Assembly in December to support a ceasefire and demand that Israel end the genocidal war against Palestinians in Gaza.

Since October 7th the international community has witnessed the brutality and carnage of the Israeli occupation in Gaza that continues to maim and murder men, women, and children. NPR has reported that the death toll has reached at least 30,000 people and the forced expulsion of nearly 2 million people fleeing for their lives.

Calling for a ceasefire as politicians in the U.S. is one step our city can take to stand on the side of humanity. The U.S. gives the Israeli occupation 3 Billion in U.S. tax dollars each year and if we do not at minimum publicly stand for a ceasefire, then we are endorsing the dropping of bombs in Gaza.

Rabbi Mónica Gomery of Kol Tzedek Synagogue in West Philadelphia recently wrote on the topic of the Jewish values of calling for a ceasefire. She says, “My experience working with [Rabbis For Ceasefire](#),<sup>[ii]</sup> allies and partners across lines of faith, members of Congress supporting a ceasefire call and the secretary-general of the United Nations, who hosted a delegation of our group for a private meeting,<sup>[iii]</sup> have proven to me that ceasefire is a call made by those who genuinely value Jewish safety and survival, equal to and alongside Palestinian safety and survival. Our call for a ceasefire is born out of a dissolution of the binary between the two.”

In November, Palestinian poet, journalist, and peace activists Ahmed Abu Artema’s home and family was bombed by the Israeli military, killing five of his family members including his 12yr old son. He wrote “They killed four women and two children when bombing my home. These are Israel’s targets? The vast majority of those killed by Israel to this point are women and children. What killed my son Abboud wasn’t just an American missile fired by an Israeli pilot. What killed my son was a regime whose very existence is defined by and built on expulsion and genocide. Unless this criminal regime falls, there will be thousands upon thousands who will have to grieve over these massacres.”

Pass the ceasefire resolution now, stand on the side of humanity and peace.

## Kenebrew, Jerice


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**To:** 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: Jorge Chavez <jchavez@cityofpasadena.net>  
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:18:22 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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**From:** [Maribel Chavez](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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CEASEFIRE NOW.



## Kenebrew, Jerice


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From: Tate Chavez <[tate.egon.chavez@gmail.com](mailto:tate.egon.chavez@gmail.com)>  
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Tate Egon Chavez

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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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**From:** Julia Chen <jchen@cityofpasadena.net>  
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Thank you,  
Julia

**From:** [Maura Chen](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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[maurachen.wixsite.com/info](http://maurachen.wixsite.com/info)  
housing project associate  
architectural designer, la voice

~\*typed with thumbs~~\*

**From:** [Chloe Cheney-Rice](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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Thank you,

Chloe Cheney-Rice  
Pasadena resident (91104)

**From:** [Peter Cheng](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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Peter Cheng (Hawthorne, CA)

**From:** [chengu08@gmail.com](mailto:chengu08@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ivy Chesser](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
**Date:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:16:38 AM

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I know that the Pasadena City Council wants to do the right thing and bring about an end to the humanitarian crisis, but this symbolic gesture will do nothing more than bring more hate and animosity towards the Jewish community.

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

Sincerely,  
Ivy Chesser



**From:** [Brenda Chi](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyrone](#); [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,

Brenda

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Susan Chodakiewitz <S...@forgrassroots.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 8:38 AM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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**From:** [Rabab Chouhoud](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [cityclerk](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#)  
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***Rabab Chouhoud***

**From:** Rita Chraibi  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Cc:** Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; cityclerk  
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Rita Chraibi

**Iraheta, Alba**


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## Sabha, Tamer

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**From:** Marco Chuk <M...@advocatesmessage.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:03 AM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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3. There would be a permanent ceasefire tomorrow if Hamas would release all hostages, lay down its arms, and allow Israelis and Palestinians to rebuild in peace and security.

The type of "ceasefire" you are being pressured to support would not bring a just or lasting peace. What it would do is help Hamas, a genocidal terrorist group, maintain its grip on power in Gaza and continue its endless war against Israel. While I do not believe municipal governments should address international affairs at all, if you choose to adopt a resolution on this issue it must include a clear call for Hamas to release all hostages and surrender now.

I know that the Pasadena City Council wants to do the right thing and bring about an end to the humanitarian crisis, but this symbolic gesture will do nothing more than bring more hate and animosity towards the Jewish community.


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

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**From:** Steven Chun <[steven.chun@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:steven.chun@cityofpasadena.net)>  
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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.



**From:** [Presley Cihak](#)  
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Additionally, a majority of people in Gaza are facing starvation due to humanitarian aid being blocked with the UN warning of famine as soon as May.

It is critical that we respond firmly and strongly with a ceasefire resolution. Please join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudahy, Oakland, and Pomona in voting for a ceasefire by voting “Yes” on the resolution introduced by Councilmember Rivas, this Monday

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