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**Cc:** [Jomsky, Mark](#); [E. Duerr](#)  
**Subject:** March 18 Special Meeting Defer and take no action on Hamas-Israel conflict.  
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March 17, 2024

Letter to Pasadena City Council.

Subject: "Ceasefire Resolution" City of Pasadena, notice of special meeting of the city council, March 18, 2024.

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**City Involvement in Foreign Affairs: A Reflection on Prioritizing Anti-Semitism.**

To the Mayor of Pasadena Victor Gordo, and the city council members: Defer and take no action on Hamas-Israel conflict.

To gain perspective, let's take a look at the latest wars around the world.

Russia and Hamas initiated their respective conflicts. Russia believed it could easily defeat its smaller neighbor. Meanwhile, Hamas sought to instigate a broad Islamic struggle against Israel, and now the Whitehouse is seeking the involvement from U.S. cities under the guise of a "ceasefire."

The majority of Europe, the United States, and Western nations understandably supported arming Ukraine to defend against the aggression of Vladimir Putin's former-communist Russia. However, support for the Democratic Israel seems to be inconsistently supported.

Within elite, political, academic, and media circles, Israel faces criticism for its "significant retaliation" following events on October 7, 2023. But have we already forgotten? On that day, Hamas, along with Gazan civilians, committed atrocities, including torture, decapitation, rape (*by the way, where is the "Global Fund for Women", "Me Too," and "Take Back the Night" movements*), and murder of hundreds of Israeli civilians, effectively starting the conflict.

The Western reaction to these two conflicts appears to be increasingly unpredictable, if not entirely inconsistent.

Long before October 7, Hamas was designated as a terrorist organization by multiple countries and international bodies, including the United States, the European Union, Israel, Canada, and others. And yet, there are continuous demands for Israel to exercise "proportionality" in Gaza following the killings of nearly 1,200 Jews, most of whom were civilians.

But the Whitehouse understandably seek to give Ukraine more arms to ensure a disproportionate response necessary to win their war against Russia. Israel is blamed for senseless murder against Hamas, (read Jeryl

Beir, Abraham Wyner at Wharton, and even Biden admits deaths are fake, Oct. '23)) even though Palestinian terrorists are burrowed in and beneath hospitals, mosques, and schools. Israeli hostages are used as human shields to protect Hamas gunmen. The last I checked, Israel was an ally.

Furthermore, the Whitehouse has consistently criticized Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's purportedly right-wing administration for its "disproportionate" response in Gaza. Is this truly the crux of the matter? Is it merely a matter of my team versus your team, leading us to adopt narrow-minded perspectives on international affairs? It's utterly deplorable!

There exists a noticeable bias against the Jewish state in many Western countries, with instances of resurging anti-Semitism in Europe and the U.S. or more directly, the Whitehouse.

As a result, the disconnect between these perspectives are as plain as day, exemplified by the Whitehouse urging U.S. cities to intervene in Israel's internal affairs rather than Russia's. And let's be clear, those advocating for a "ceasefire" are essentially advocating for a one-sided halt in Israeli action, knowing that the opposing side doesn't honor agreements. Such a stance effectively supports the perpetuation of Gaza as a state of terror.

This isn't to downplay the loss of lives and the brutality of war. It's indeed tragic that Palestinian leaders, who have consistently rejected peace with Jews for more than a century, have brought such suffering upon their own people. The difference is that Hamas (and PLO and Islamic Jihad, etc.) targets civilians, and, Israel targets terrorists. No amount of propaganda can change that reality. Pasadena must choose the right side and uphold a higher standard and reject anti-Semitism. No amount of propaganda can change this reality. This manipulation of reality must cease.

Frank Duerr  
Pasadena, CA.

**From:** [Hannah D'Amato](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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## Sabha, Tamer

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**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanelle (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

I am a Christian Palestinian who has relatives hiding in the churches of Gaza. Israel bombed the 3rd oldest church in the world . We lost 11 relatives from the bombing and the lack of medicine .

Attached is a photo of baby Joelle who was only 6 months old. She died from the bombing of **Church of Saint Porphyrius where she was baptized .**  
**There are ONLY 600 Christians left in Gaza by ceasefire you are saving their lives .**

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## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)


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**From:** Mary Dagan < >  
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**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
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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.

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Kambiz Daghighian <...>  
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**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
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**From:** Jana Samar Dalati <>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:22:29 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 12:50 AM  
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From: Gina Dance < >  
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:20:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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**From:** [Kairavi Daum](#)  
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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]

References:

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[4] <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-antisemitic-incidents-up-about-400-since-israel-hamas-war-began-report-says-2023-10-25/>

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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:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:40 PM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanelle (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:38:48 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
To: Gordo, Victor  
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Cease fire now please.

Thank you,

Melissa



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Please accommodate a 20 minute prayer break at 7pm.

Thank you,  
Alyse DeCavallas

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**From:** [Marilyn Dennis](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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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,  
Marilyn Dennis

## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** Danya De Leon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:34 AM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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**From:** Rachel Deitsch  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Márquez, Miguel](#); [Jomsky, Mark](#)  
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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council-

I am a Pasadena resident and I would like to share that I am much opposed to the council's intention to adopt a resolution in response to the war in Gaza. I do not believe it is within the purview of the council to take positions on situations outside of the city, never mind outside the country. This seems like a polarizing over-reach that will only further escalate tensions and possibly endanger groups that have been targets for expressions of hatred in the past.

I urge you to vote NO to adopting any resolution regarding the Gaza war.

Thank you-

Rachel Schmidt

Pasadena

**From:** [Hannah Denyer](#)  
**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,

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**From:** Dennis De Pietro  
**To:** Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve  
**Cc:** Susan De Pietro (sdepietro@sbcglobal.net)  
**Subject:** March 18 Council agenda item 2. Conflict in the Middle East and possible City position related thereto  
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Dear Mayor Victor Gordo and Councilman/Vice Mayor Steve Madison,  
As Pasadena residents, we are very concerned that during your March 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, you will be discussing, let alone even considering a City position concerning the conflict in the Middle East. As both of you very well know, the purpose of local government is to serve its constituents. It's not to dwell on national or international issues where there is no direct interest or capacity.

Jason Moss' letter is well written and should be heeded.

<https://www.pasadenanow.com/main/guest-opinion-jason-moss-city-councils-should-stay-out-of-the-middle-east>.

We want to see peace in the world. Unfortunately there are a great many people who do not.

The conflict in the Middle East is very complex. As members of a Catholic organization that works for justice and peace in the Holy Land, we are very aware of the internal and external forces that for generations have fermented hatred and suffering in that region. An official position by the City of Pasadena in such a conflict sets the city on a very slippery slope which will both trivialize many of the legitimate issues in the Middle East conflict and will also alienate a great many Pasadena residents.

We urge you to remain focused on issues which directly affect Pasadena and its residents.

Sincerely

Dennis and Susan De Pietro

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## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** luna de sol < >  
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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:** [Vincent De Stefano](#)  
**To:** [Masuda, Gene](#)  
**Cc:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Please call for an immediate ceasefire  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:08:14 AM

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I write to you as a constituent and as a member of Amnesty International USA with deep concern over the escalating conflict in Gaza and Israel. The U.S. government – including at the local level – is uniquely positioned to have tremendous impact in this conflict to ensure the protection of civilians and prevent further suffering.

Since October 7, we have witnessed horror unfolding on an unimaginable scale in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel. More than 2 million Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip are struggling to survive amid the Israeli military's ongoing offensive, and the level of civilian casualties has been unprecedented.

I am encouraging you to publicly call for an immediate ceasefire and appeal to the Israeli government to allow life-saving fuel, water, and food into Gaza.

The majority of Americans support a ceasefire, but President Biden has yet to call for one. In response, towns and cities across the country are rising up to pass their own resolutions. I ask that you, in your capacity, do what you can to help to pass one here.

The need for an immediate ceasefire by all parties is more urgent than ever to protect civilians, prevent a mounting civilian death toll in Gaza, prevent further displacement of Palestinians, and provide an opportunity to secure the safe release of the remaining hostages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent De Stefano

cc: Victor Gordo  
100 N. Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, Los Angeles  
91109

**From:** [Melissa Delgado](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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Melissa

**Iraheta, Alba**


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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,  
Vivian Deutsch

**From:** [Sylvie Deutsch](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
**Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024 8:50:31 PM

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## Sabha, Tamer

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:45 PM  
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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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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,  
Nick

**From:** [Rami Dibas](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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