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From: cityclerk
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:08 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

From: Khadeeja Abdullah <khadeeja@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:07:51 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

I have been deeply alarmed by the genocide occurring in Gaza. Since Oct. 7, over 38,000 people have been killed by Israeli forces. Most recently, Israel has escalated bombardment of Rafah, "the last safe zone" in Gaza where more than 1.5 million displaced Palestinians are seeking refuge.

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

Thank you,

Jomsky, Mark

From: Lara Abell
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:16 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Sincerely,
Lara Abell

Los Angeles, CA .

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 2:41 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
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Kathy Afshani
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

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From: Vivian Alberts
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To: Jomsky, Mark
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Vivian Alberts

Los Angeles, CA 90048

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Iraheta, Alba

From: ALEX ALMEIDA
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:48 PM
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ALEX ALMEIDA

Los Angeles, CA 90024

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:56 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
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Sincerely,
Alysha Applebaum
Chino Hills, CA 91709

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From: Ariela Applebaum
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 2:20 PM
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Ariela Applebaum

Newport Beach, CA

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Los Angeles, CA 90077

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Julie Avery

Iraheta, Alba

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To: Jomsky, Mark
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Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Kenebrew, Jerice

From: Gary Bachrach <gary.bachrach@pasadenacity.org>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:51 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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CA 91367

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From: cityclerk
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:10 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

From: Beatrice
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:09:42 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>
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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

Thank you,

Kenebrew, Jerice

From: D.Beckman
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:03 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Monday vote

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As a resident of Pasadena, I am **strongly opposed** to this for these reasons:

1. Your job is to spend your time thinking about ways to make Pasadena function as a great city in practical ways, and then apply them. And only that.
2. You were elected with my vote, (or appointed) for your expertise in local government affairs, with the expectation of only that. Had I known you were going to opine in your official capacity on foreign affairs, I would have actively opposed your seat on the city council or other position, and NOT voted for you.
3. By even considering this resolution you are in effect likely causing election interference in another country with media attention to this matter, turning your elected position into activism in foreign affairs. That's not your job, and if it were, your constituents should have had an opportunity to hear your qualifications and positions in foreign affairs before we voted for you.
4. There are more than a few foreign countries at war. Will you spend official time taking sides and adopting resolutions for the other countries as well? I oppose all this nonsense. Get to the business of Pasadena, and shut down this vote all together.
5. If you vote in favor of this resolution I will never cast another vote for you, and I will strongly work to oppose any future appointments you may be up for.
6. Middle East conflicts, and the war in Israel are NOT your job to be spending official time on, at the behest of a group of people who want "an immediate ceasefire". I assure you, there are many Pasadena residents who are registered voters who have different views.
7. Advocate for a better Pasadena, and you have my support, but if advocate in this, or any foreign matters, you will never again have my vote, rather I will work to oppose you in any future political endeavor.

Sincerely,
Your constituent, and resident of Pasadena

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:26 PM
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Beverly Hills, CA 90210

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Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 2:48 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject: FW: I urge you to support the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday

From: Samuel Bill
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 2:47:18 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: I urge you to support the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday

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Mayor Gordo,

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I recognize that Pasadena cannot stop this unjust war against civilians waged with weapons funded by our tax dollars on our own. Our voices joined together under your leadership can make a difference and join a collective call for justice. I plead with you to take the opportunity that you have and support the ceasefire resolution.

Sam Bills

Pasadena, CA 91103

Kenebrew, Jerice

From: Daniel Birnbaum
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:33 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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From: Healey Bitan <healeybitan@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:49 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
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From: Brett Blumstein <bret@pasadenacity.org>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:50 PM
To: Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Resolution on Monday March 18 - Please stay away from middle eastern politics

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My name is Brett Blumstein. My family and I attend Jewish synagogue at Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center and we live nearby. Ever since October 7th, the normally security laden Jewish events we attend have had drastically increased security stemming from local threats. Our kids attend Hebrew School in Pasadena and pass by multiple security guards and often local police on the way to class in order to ensure their safety. It should not have to be this way.

I implore you to stay away from Middle East politics as it inflames and gives excuses to the very people who necessitate the increased level of security. Further, nothing the City of Pasadena votes on has any effect whatsoever on what happens in the Middle East, but it does have an effect on what our families have to deal with here. All the while, these types of votes drive members of the Pasadena community further apart instead of bringing us together.

I could go on as to my beliefs and what is right and what is wrong and why, but that is less important than asking that the City Council do the right thing and focus on city issues that actually affect and benefit people who live, work and visit Pasadena rather than on issues that amp up local hatred and potential violence towards civilians. Please do not vote for or weigh in on any resolution on any part of the Middle East.

Thank you,

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From: Justin Bois
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Comment on March 18, 2024 special meeting: Do not take official position on non-local matters, especially not this one

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This particular resolution is especially divisive and actually hurtful. At a time of alarmingly high levels of antisemitism globally, and most importantly *locally*, the Council adopting a resolution endangers and alienates its Jewish residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Justin Bois

Kenebrew, Jerice

From: Carole Boag
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:54 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
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From: Ignacio Borensztejn
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 10:03 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Deep concern about ceasefire resolution

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Dear City Clerk Jomsky,

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 front 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,

Ignacio Borensztejn

Resident of _____, Pasadena