


## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** David Labowitz  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 12:49 PM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Israel-Hamas Cease-Fire Potential Resolution By Pasadena City Council, March 18, 2024

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We've lived in Pasadena and District 2 for fourteen years. Pasadena is a well-run city and you are all to be commended for your efforts in keeping the city moving forward. Just governing this Rose City, while dealing with its many local issues, problems, and factions, is itself a major task. We don't believe you should, nor do we want you to, involve yourself in international political and social issues that you cannot solve and will only create divisiveness within our community and region. Please continue to focus on Pasadena and local community issues of importance and let our elected Congressional representatives in Washington deal with national and international issues.

Respectfully,

David & Ina Labowitz


## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Natalie lahiji  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 10:26 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Sincerely,  
Natalie lahiji

**From:** SSL *Steven Lamb*  
**To:** Gordo, Victor; Jomsky, Mark; Felicia Williams; Madison, Steve  
**Subject:** Cease Fire Vote Not Proper Subject for Council Action  
**Date:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 7:40:53 PM

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War is a terrible thing. It destroys property, infrastructure, human bodies and worst of all the human soul. No sane person is for war. Oddly enough the mostly CCP funded activists demanding the Pasadna City Council take a position demanding immediate cease fire, are representing the desires of HAMAS the people who began the present middle East war in Gaza. These people have refused cease fire that had as its only condition the return of hostages kidnapped out of israel. That is literally the only Israeli condition, one that is more than reasonable.

The City of Pasadena does not conduct foreign policy for the United States. The United States has no direct authority over the Israeli government. I am more than certain that the CITIZENS you are elected to represent to not in the majority believe the Israelis should cease fire without return of hostages. Most Pasadenans I have spoken to about this issue from every political party, racial group and sexual orientation are appalled by Hamas and understand that Israel is acting as we have acted in the past against the Empire of Japan and the Third Reich, who the founders of the Palestinian movement were aligned with in WW2. Hamas are the direct physical, intellectual and spiritual descendants of the Nazi Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Amin ai-Husseini. Do you wish to endorse the objectives of the last remaining fragment of the Third Reich?

War is a wretched thing to watch. Cease fire only requires return of captives. If you must take a side, take the side that isn't attempting to execute the foreign policy of Hitler.

Steven S. Lamb

**From:** [John Landsberger](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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**From:** [Amy Lappen](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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Amy Lappen

**From:** [Kimberly Lappen](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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Kimberly Lappen

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

## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** D. Larner  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:43 AM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Sincerely,  
D. Larner



## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 8:05 AM  
**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:** Dilshad Lasne  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 8:04:55 AM (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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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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**From:** Esther Largey  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 12:06 AM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Cc:** cityclerk; PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Pass a Ceasefire Resolution

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**From:** [Larry's work](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** opposition of cease fire resolution  
**Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:37:47 PM

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Please stand up tall against this resolution. city Councils should not be involved in politics.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

**From:** Becky Laub  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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## Sabha, Tamer

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 9:11 AM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Cease Fire Vote

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**From:** Nina Lau-Branson  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 9:10:51 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Subject:** Cease Fire Vote

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

Thank you,  
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**From:** [Laura](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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**From:** [Einav Lavi](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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Sincerely,  
Einav Lavi



**From:** [Tracy Lazaro](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Vote Yes on Ceasefire Resolution  
**Date:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:31:02 PM

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Dear Mayor Gordo

Please vote "Yes" to the ceasefire resolution on Monday, March 18. As more than 38,000 dead continue to rise in death count and with the forced starvation of children it is your humanitarian duty to vote Yes on the resolution. As I write this email bombs are still dropping on civilians. Now especially Israel is targeting the air dropped food and humanitarian aid sent by the sky into Gaza.

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, Cudhy, Oakland, and Pomona in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire by voting "Yes" on Monday.

Thank you,

Tracy Lazaro

**From:** [dov lazarus](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyrone](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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Thank you,

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
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**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 2:10 PM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Please do the right thing--vote yes on Ceasefire

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**From:** Kathy LL  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 2:09:59 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Gordo, Victor <vgordo@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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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

You know of the ongoing devastating horrors happening in Gaza. Returning acts of terror with acts of terror are not worthy of US support or of the people of Israel.

Time to do the right and decent thing—support unconditional ceasefire. 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,

Kate Ludwick

**From:** [Michael Leb](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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**From:** [Danielle Leben](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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**From:** [Dana Lebental](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** Jerry Lebovitz <[Jerry.L@pasadenacity.org](mailto:Jerry.L@pasadenacity.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 4:06 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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## Iraheta, Alba

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**From:** Linda Lebovitz  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 4:08 PM  
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Linda Lebovitz



**From:** [Nolan Lebovitz](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
**Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024 1:20:19 PM

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 12:21 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:** Talk2Strangers  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 12:20:55 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Cc:** cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>; Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>; Rivas, Jessica <jerivas@cityofpasadena.net>; Jones, Justin <justinjones@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>; Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net>  
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Thank you,

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**From:** [Angie Lederach](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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As a social scientist who studies political violence, mass atrocities, and transitions from war to peace, I want to emphasize that there is no military solution to this conflict. I am joined by many other scholars of genocide and mass atrocities issuing warnings that now is the time to act to prevent genocide and further, unnecessary and large scale loss of life (see, for example: <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/statement-of-scholars-7-october/>)

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Thank you,  
Angela Lederach


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**From:** Arend Lee Jessurun  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:20 AM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Cc:** cityclerk; PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Pass a Ceasefire Resolution

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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:** [Juliet Lee](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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**From:** Marilyn Leibert  
**To:** [action@endjewhatred.com](mailto: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,  
Marilyn Leibert

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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## Kenebrew, Jerice


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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 6:43 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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From: Katherine Leitch  
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To: Gordo, Victor  
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Thank you,  
Kate Leitch

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## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Michelle Leonard <sup>1</sup>  
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Sincerely,  
Michelle Leonard

**From:** Alexander Lerer  
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**From:** [Anna Levi](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Chloe Levian](#)  
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**From:** [DL@gmail](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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Daniel Levin

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Dear Mr Gordo,

I implore you, as a concerned citizen, not to allow a vote demanding an Israeli cease fire in Gaza until and unless Hamas releases all hostages they seized during their barbaric invasion of Israel on 7th October 2023. These hostages were taken under deplorable circumstances, amidst rape, torture and murder of innocent civilians and alongside inhuman beheading of babies and other atrocities. From testimony of those hostages that have been released to-date (in exchange for release of disproportionate numbers of Palestinians arrested for terrorist offences) the hostages are being treated very badly, tortured and terrorized, their families are besides themselves with grief not knowing whether their loved ones are dead or alive.

Hamas must release every one of the hostages they still hold and then there can be an immediate call for cease fire and full support for Gazan citizens whose lives have in turn been devastated as a direct consequence of Hamas action on 7th October.

With thanks in anticipation of your help and support.

Sincerely


Dr Daniel Levin

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Marcy Levine  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 9:56 AM  
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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:

I'd like to kindly ask you to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution when it comes up on the 18th. Pasadena should join the over hundred American cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions. If enough cities had done this during the holocaust, the outcomes would have been different. Please find the courage to ask our federal leaders to stop the Gaza Holocaust. The weapons dropping are all made here in my backyard and I can't wear this guilt forever. We can't wear this guilt forever. We must do the right thing as financiers and peddlers of this genocide which has claimed over 40,000 lives. Even more so, do we consider the 45,000 stuck under rubble? Or the 1.9 million displaced who will starve to death? These are not necessarily civilian casualties. This is genocide.

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.

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> 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. Under international law, occupying entities are responsible to protect those they are occupying. 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:** [Renee Levine-Blonder](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
**Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024 12:45:06 PM

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Sincerely,  
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## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** Sharon Levine  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 8:40 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Dear City Manager Miguel Marquiz,

I know you mean well, and in the past, or when it's merely 2 groups bickering, this might be appropriate, but it is an entirely different scenario today. I am writing you today to urge you not to adopt any biased "ceasefire" resolution that would fuel divisions and hate in our community, while harming efforts to end the horrific October 7th War, started by Hamas.

I want an end to the fighting and suffering in Gaza and Israel, as I'm sure you do. But this is not the way in this situation. I feel it is important to remind you of the following:

1. A ceasefire existed on October 6 but was broken by Hamas on October 7 when they brutally attacked Israel, killing 1,200 innocent civilians and kidnapping 253 people – ranging in age from 9 months to 85 years old, some of whom they have murdered, many have been starved, raped, etc. They do not respect human life. Hamas obviously is not interested in any ceasefire, as their stated and written premise, based on pure hatred, is to kill as many Jews as possible! if another "ceasefire" is put in place, they will relish the opportunity to kill another 1300+ Jews, who will be like sitting ducks. Please don't do that to the Israeli population. Hamas started this, going after civilians in their homes! Israel has never done that, and never will. Please don't be fooled by the fantasy of a ceasefire--there was no one enforcing the last one, when Hamas attacked innocent civilians and no one will enforce any other; Hamas will kill as many Jews as they can. By putting a "ceasefire" in place, you are giving a free hand to Hamas, and are insulting the nation of Israel, who always wants true peace...Please see what's really there, and not what you (& all of us) would love to believe--that all you have to do is to tell them to stop, and all will be well. The opposite is true--someone needs to stop those murderers! Israel is a small country, and will be "washed into the sea," as its Arab neighbors like to say....and do..

This will not help--

Please do not naively "call for a ceasefire"--Israel is trying to rescue the rest of the hostages now, before they also get murdered, raped, tortured, etc....Please rethink your position, and do the right thing. Israel is defending itself, and always has....I was in Israel years ago--on the front page of the Jerusalem Post were all the incidents of border attacks (Arab countries trying to kill Israelis for no reason but hatred, once again), with a special column in bold for those occurring after midnight of that day...This is what they do, based on hatred. Israel does not hate Arabs, Muslims, etc. Many come daily to Israel to work, and the Israeli friends I have have Arab friends.

Please reconsider-perhaps a condemnation of Hamas's unprovoked attack would be more appropriate.

Thank you..

P.S. Israel has accepted terms laid out by international negotiators for an extended ceasefire and drastic increase in humanitarian aid to Gaza. It is Hamas that has thus far rejected such a ceasefire. There would be a permanent ceasefire

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**From:** [Ezra Levinson](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Cc:** [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Support the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18  
**Date:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:22:25 AM

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I have been deeply alarmed by the genocide Israel is committing 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.

As a Jew, I have experienced an additional dimension of horror in the midst of this genocide: my people are being invoked as justification for Israel’s violence. But I know that “Never Again,” a slogan against genocide in the wake of the Holocaust, means **Never Again for anyone.**

This genocide is being committed in my name and with our taxpayer money.

With US support enabling Israel’s escalating violence, it is critical that we pressure state and federal governments for change by responding 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,  
Ezra Levinson

**From:** [Lacey Levitt](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
**Date:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:57:02 AM

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**From:** [Howard Levkowitz](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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From a concerned long-term resident of southern California.

## Sabha, Tamer

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**From:** Arielle Levy  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:48 AM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
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