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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:16:39 PM

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From a concerned long-term resident of southern California.

From: [Jacqueline Li](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)
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From: [Avi Libman](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Jomsky, Mark

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From: [Janice Lipton](#)
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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]

References:

[1] CAIR toolkit: 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

[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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Sincerely,
Gabriela Litov

From: Rhonda Lisker
To: action@endjewhatred.com
Subject: Vote NO to a ceasefire
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 2:55:43 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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,
Rhonda Lisker

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

From: [Deborah Llewelyn](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
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From: Tina Loboda
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From: [Arianna Locatell](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Subject: Support for ceasefire resolution
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:18:15 PM

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Thank you,

Arianna Locatell

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From: Michele Locker
To: Gordo, Victor
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
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Sincerely,
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From: [Theresa Lodge](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)
Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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Kenebrew, Jerice

From: cityclerk
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:48 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: Carolina Lopez
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:47:13 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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Sabha, Tamer

From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:56 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

From: Phuong Phoebe Long
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:55:27 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>
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From: SUMMER LOPEZ COLORADO
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:24 AM
To: Gordo, Victor
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Subject: YES to Pass a Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:

I'm writing today to urge you to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution during today's council meeting. Pasadena should take leadership during this time of crisis, and join the dozens of American cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions. Gaza is running out of time, and needs us to act now.

My family has lived and/or worked in Pasadena for three generations. My mother even met my father while attending Pasadena City College. In many ways, Pasadena has shaped the person who I am today--now a Ph.D. student at UCLA. While growing up, my family passed down stories of Pasadena city council's 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 - racial injustice, 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. Most of the population is now starving in tents near Rafah, where it costs around 10K per adult to evacuate from Gaza into Egypt.

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. Israel has again massacred 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,
Summer

From: [Vivien Lowy](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
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From: [Ileana Lubetzky](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Thank you,

Kate Ludwick

From: [Brianna Lugo](#)
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2024 8:28:13 PM

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It is critical that we respond firmly and strongly with a ceasefire resolution. Please join the over 55 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudhy, Oakland, and Pomona in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Thank you,

Brianna L.

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From: Lawrence Lurvey [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:18 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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[REDACTED]

From: Lois Lustig
To: action@endiewhatred.com
Subject: Vote NO to a ceasefire
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:08:50 PM

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 10:54 PM
To: action@endjewhatred.com
Subject: Vote NO to a ceasefire

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From: Catia Chien [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:37 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public comment - special meeting

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Dear council member Jason Lyon,

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

Human Rights Watch agrees with the International Court of Justice that Israel's actions in Gaza constitute a genocide and urges other countries to "use all forms of leverage, including sanctions and embargoes, to press the Israeli government to comply with the court's binding orders in the genocide case."

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

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From: Beverly Schrage [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:37 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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From: [Emel M](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)
Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:28 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

From: hisham maassarani
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:27:12 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Gordo, Victor
Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; cityclerk
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Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:37 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Subject: YES to a Ceasefire Resolution
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Dear City Council,

I am a Pasadena resident writing to strongly urge the city council to pass a ceasefire resolution in response to the ongoing genocide occurring in Gaza. The City of Pasadena cannot afford to remain neutral in a time like this, and, in fact, any claims to stay out of issues that extend beyond Pasadena would be hypocritical when the city has made statements of that nature in the past.

In 2022, Mayor Gordo issued a declaration regarding military aggression in Artsakh (attached), rightly condemning Azerbaijan's blockade of the corridor linking Artsakh to Armenia, stating,

"Whereas as a country with democratic values that is devoted to freedom, these actions should be condemned. The words "Never Again" were immortalized following the atrocities of the twentieth century, and these words should not be merely spoken, but shown in action. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "A threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

As we can see, taking a stance is often warranted. In the case of Gaza, where our nation, funded by our tax dollars, supplies Israel with the means to carry out genocide, I believe we have a moral imperative to speak up and put pressure in whatever ways we can to end the violence.

Additionally, the effects of this genocide very much have effects here in our own city. We cannot pretend that issues from abroad are not felt here, and we absolutely cannot allow anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, or Islamophobic violence to be welcome here. To push back against these notions of dehumanization that come from disregarding the murder of tens of thousands of Gazans is to push back against these kinds of hateful events at home. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2024/2/29/call-it-by-its-name-how-hateful-rhetoric-feeds-anti-palestinian-violence>

There is nothing that could justify the murder of over 38,000+ people in Gaza, a large portion of which are children, nor the bombardment of Rafah, where over 1.5 million displaced Palestinians are seeking refuge, not to mention the imminent starvation Palestinians are facing while humanitarian aid is being blocked.

I urge the city council to join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudahy, Oakland, and Pomona in voting to pass a ceasefire resolution this evening. We can and should speak up, for the sake of those in Gaza, and for the sake of our neighbors here in this city.

Thank you,
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District 5, 91101

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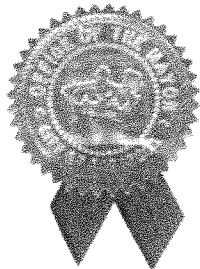


DECLARATION

- Whereas* in September, 2020, Azerbaijan, assisted by Turkey, launched a massive attack against Artsakh with the intention of annihilating the Armenian population of Artsakh; and
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Now, Therefore

I, Victor M. Gordo, Mayor of the City of Pasadena, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby declare that the City of Pasadena stands with its Armenian American community members in these difficult times, and mourns for the innocent victims of military aggression.





Mayor of the City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2022

From: [Ronit Machlouf](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 1:28:07 AM

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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,
Ronit Machlouf

From: [Talia Machlouf](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 7:34:15 PM

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A resolution of this sort is antisemitism in its purest form. And it's ugly.

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