

From: David Macias
To: Gordo, Victor
Subject: CALL FOR CEASEFIRE- Glen Ave. Constituent
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 12:34:15 PM

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Dear City Mayor Victor Gordo,

My name is David and I live in your district in Pasadena. I have lived here for over 12 years.

I am writing to strongly urge you to vote YES to the ceasefire resolution on Monday, March 18.

What we are witnessing in Gaza is undoubtedly a genocide: over 31,000 people have been killed by Israel (most of whom are children), 2.3 million Palestinian people are trapped in Gaza as Israel bombs, starves, and displaces them while blocking access to humanitarian aid. There have been an untold number of mass graves, field executions, and other horrific war crimes, most of which we do not even know yet due to Israel's telecommunications blackout. And now, Israel is threatening a full-scale ground invasion in Rafah to slaughter or forcibly remove the 1.9 million Palestinians sheltering there—directly against the International Court of Justice's orders. Most recently, Israel is attacking and killing people as they attempt to gain access to desperately needed aid that Israel has deprived them of for months.

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.”

Human Rights Watch has also previously called the conditions in the West Bank and Gaza “apartheid” conditions.

It's extremely urgent to stop the genocide now, as Israel kills another Palestinian person every four minutes. We need a ceasefire to permanently stop the killing and put an end to all U.S. complicity in Israel's massive violence against the Palestinian people.

You can help us get there. I will be present at the meeting on Monday. Please join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudahy, Oakland, and Pomona in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire by voting YES on Monday.

Thank you,
David Macias
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From: jordan_solidgoldins.com
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Dear Mayor Gordo,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Jordan Magged. I am a long time Pasadena area resident and now concerned citizen. I am writing to express my worry regarding the "ceasefire" resolution taking place on March 18th.

Because there has been so much loss of life and suffering, we need to as a community band together and make sure this doesn't happen again. But how will this happen if there is a "ceasefire"? We have a real opportunity to make sure October 07 doesn't happen again, and I am afraid that voting in favor of a ceasefire is sending the complete wrong message to the world. (One that Jews are weak, and it's ok to murder them, kidnap them, rape them...)

The world needs to know that what happened is not OK, and there are major consequences to killing innocent Jewish civilians. What will the world learn from a ceasefire? That is the important question. I urge you to hear ALL the voices of your community members, but really ask yourself if a ceasefire is the right choice here. Ultimately, we all want the violence to end, I think we just have different ideas about how we will get there.

Thanks for listening,

JM

Jordan Magged

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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

As a Jewish resident and voter of Pasadena, I am appalled by the genocide occurring in Gaza. I am also disgusted by the misuse of “antisemitism” as a shield to absolve Israel from accountability for its unjustifiable violence. The most important Jewish value is sacredness of life. 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.

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From: Ron @ Majesty
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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/

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[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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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [cityclerk](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Lvon, Jason](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#)
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Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 5:59 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: Zara Malik
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 5:58:50 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Gordo, Victor
Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; cityclerk
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From: Julie Maltzman <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:47 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Kenebrew, Jerice

From: Orna Manavi <
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 10:00 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
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From: Edmond Mandin
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 1:34:33 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
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From: Raheela Maniar
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: Jeanine Mann
To: Gordo, Victor
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:42:48 PM

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From: interfaithquaker@aol.com
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Fw: Support a Ceasefire Resolution
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:46:42 AM

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Anthony Manousos

From: [Bruce Mansdorf](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:43:44 PM

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From: [Mehri Mansoury](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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From: Thomas L. Marcus
To: Madison, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: The March 18 City Council Meeting
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Regards,

Thomas L. Marcus

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: David Marinoff <David.Marinoff.692763818@foradvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:22 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Mindy Markowitz <[REDACTED]@pasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:57 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:18:35 PM

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:
My name is Joshua Martinez,
I am a Pasadena resident in District 5.

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.

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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.

Thank you

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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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From: Sheri Mass <sherimass@pasadenacity.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
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Dear Mayor Gordo, Vice Mayor Madison, Members of the City Council Hampton, Williams, Jones, Masuda, Rivas, and Lyon and City Manager Marquiz and City Clerk Jomsky,

I am writing regarding the agenda item for the March 18 meeting calling for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war.

I urge you not to consider this item. It has nothing to do with the Council's business or responsibility to the citizens of Pasadena. I would urge you to reject the effort to emmesh the Council in a contentious international issue unrelated to your responsibilities as local government officials. This agenda item is transparently an effort to advance a national public relations campaign having nothing to do with Pasadena.

There are innumerable compelling issues around the world one could attempt to "localize" to advance a particular narrative. Thus, if you consider the matter of Gaza, why not the war in Ukraine or the Huthis attacking international shipping in the Red Sea? Are you prepared to debate and vote on a resolution regarding China's treatment of the Uyghars? How about the persecution of Christians in sub-Saharan Africa? The list, unfortunately, is endless. It's inconceivable that the Council would allow itself to be manipulated in this fashion. Please table the proposed resolution.

I am only going to make a brief reference to the subject of a ceasefire in Gaza. Israel can no longer live with Hamas terrorists using Gaza as a staging ground to murder, rape and kidnap its citizens, as Hamas proudly did on October 7, all on Go-Pros. Hamas has promised there will be many more October 7s if it survives this war. That's the cause of all the death and destruction in Gaza.

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Whether you agree with what I'm saying is not the point. I return to my opening remarks: Please, please, keep Gaza out of Pasadena.

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Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

From: Amy Masor
To: Gordo, Victor
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:53:10 PM

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Sabha, Tamer

From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:31 AM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanelle (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject: FW: Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, 3/18 - Vote YES

From: Roya M
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:30:47 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Gordo, Victor
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Iraheta, Alba

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720 Charles Dr
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From: [Viri M](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Viri Mata

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

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

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

Sincerely,
sandra matthew

Kenebrew, Jerice

From: cityclerk
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:24 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanelle (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject: FW: Say yes to the Ceasefire Resolution!

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Dear Councilmember Jess Rivas,

My name is Awoe and I'm a resident in your district here in Pasadena. I am emailing asking you to **please vote "Yes" to the ceasefire resolution on Monday, March 18.**

When I visited Israel in 2019, I was shocked by the extent at which narratives about the Israel/Palestine relationship were shaped and how much they impact how we abroad view the dehumanization currently occurring. 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. 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.

I believe that taking a humanitarian stance as a city toward a ceasefire resolution is crucial in the face of injustice and genocide occurring before our eyes. While the attacks on October 7th were heinous, retaliation by Israel resulting in nearly 40,000 deaths in unprecented and inhumane. MLK says that injustice any where is a threat to justice everywhere. Please help us join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Oakland, and Pomona in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire by voting for our city to take a stance and pass the ceasefire resolution on Monday.

Thank you,

Awoe Mauna-Woanya
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From: [Doris Maya](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [cityclerk](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#)
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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

I am a Jewish constituent that votes.

The Director of the C.I.A., our nation's intelligence, called for a cease fire.

It is in our country's best interest to stop the extermination of Palestinians. In addition to the massive deaths in Gaza, at least 450 people have been kidnapped from the West Bank, joining thousands of others including women and children kidnapped by Israel and put in prisons where it is widely recognized that rape, starvation, and physical abuses go unchecked like all the war crimes committed.

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,
Doris Maya