


Jomsky, Mark

From: gary boyer.< >
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:54 AM
To: Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron
Cc: Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Misguided Israel Ceasefire resolution

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Dear Council Members,

I am reaching out in opposition to a ceasefire resolution that will be proposed at your meeting this Monday, March 18.

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,
Gary Bovyer
Member Chabad of Pasadena
Sierra Madre resident

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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Upland, CA 91784

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Subject: Resolution on Monday March 18 - Please stay away from middle eastern politics

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Dear City Council members,

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,

Brett Blumstein

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Sincerely,

Courtney Brodie


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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:08 PM
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Sincerely,
Judith Eisikowitz
Los Angeles, CA 91335

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From: cityclerk
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:37 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject: FW: Please vote 'yes' on ceasefire resolution

From: Valerie El-Alfi <valerie.elalfi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:36:31 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; 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>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
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These cycles of brutal violence do not help anybody on either side, nor do they help us as American citizens, nor the world at large. War crimes do not justify more war crimes. Bombing civilians, including children, does not make anybody safer. I urge you to please lead with humanity and vote "yes" on the resolution. It's important that we do our part in Pasadena by passing a ceasefire resolution to pressure President Biden and our Congressional representatives to call for an end to violence in Gaza and call for de-escalation in the region.

Thank you so much.

Valerie
Zip code: 91106

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Kenebrew, Jerice

From: David Elfersi
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:49 PM
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West Hollywood, CA 90038

Jomsky, Mark

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Los Angeles, CA 90049

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From: Neda Emrani
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Neda Emrani
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Iraheta, Alba

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karen freed
Los Angeles, CA 91436

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:49 PM
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:
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From: Rusty Frank ·
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El Segundo, CA 90245

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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.
2. 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.
3. There would be a permanent ceasefire tomorrow if Hamas would release all hostages, lay down its arms, and allow Israelis and Palestinians to rebuild in peace and security.

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.

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