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To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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From:	Jean-Claude Moos
To:	Gordo, Victor
Subject:	Vote NO on biased calls for "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,

82% of Americans support Israel's fight against Hamas" (Harvard Harris Poll). [5]

References:

[1] CAIR toolkit: <u>https://www.cair.com/press_releases/cair-releases-community-toolkit-on-promoting-gaza-ceasefire-resolutions-by-state-local-governments/</u>

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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)

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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Hello Team Pasadena,

I am a Pasadena resident and community member of the Chabad of Pasadena. I am alarmed that you plan to move forward with a request to adopt a resolution for an immediate cease-fire in Israel. This opens up a door for violence against Jewish people in our community. I already do not feel safe when I am on campus at Chabad of Pasadena because our elected officials do not unequivocally support Israel's right to defend itself, remove and destroy Hamas at all costs, and return all Israeli hostages safely to their homes.

Your vote for a ceasefire is void of logic. You are in-fact hurting Palestinians, hurting Jews and other pro-Israel supporters in your neighborhood, and provoking more anti-semetism in Pasadena.

Truly curious - have any of you ever visited Israel? If so, I'd love to have a conversation with you over the phone or in person. My father is Israeli - my aunt and two uncles live there - I have hundreds of cousins living in Israel. I have been to the country a dozen times. A ceasefire puts my Israeli family in more danger. A ceasefire puts my family and I in danger here in Pasadena. A ceasefire without the total elimination of Hamas, will result in more bloodshed on both sides and more wasted US Taxpayer money.

Please consider a different approach on March 18th. Or simply put - stay out of international issues and focus on Pasadena - your city.

Kindly,

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Los Angeles, CA 90064

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То:	Gordo, Victor
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Sir:

I urge you to forbid the passing of this resolution. Israel has offered five peace plans to the Palestinians over the years. They have all been rejected because the Palestinians want the Jews dead and gone and have no desire to live with or next to them.

An immediate cease fire will leave Hamas in a position where they can regroup to execute more slaughters.

In essence the resolution means stop and let Hamas regroup, build back their strength and kill, rape, behead, burn, and destroy more Jews.

Pasadena has come along way from its history of anti-Semitism. My father's generation looked at Pasadena as a place not welcome to Jews. Even though Cal Tech had many prominent Jewish professors including some Nobel prize winners. I'm sure they they still have many. Please don't take action to support this resolution and make these academics upset.

If you jump into foreign affairs then will your next resolution be to offer something on China and Taiwan if fighting breaks out there. How will that affect your Chinese citizens? Are you next going to offer a resolution on the mass of illegals crossing the border and offend your Spanish citizen? Please stick with solving local matters. Sincerely,

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Hi all,

It's long overdue that Pasadena calls for a ceasefire regarding the ongoing bombing and destruction of Gaza perpetrated by Israeli forces.

In addition to being bombed and forced away from their homes, Palestinians are experiencing forced starvation due to the blocking of aid by Israel.

This is not a matter of more, moreover it is genocide. And it's being funded by our tax money. Not only is the United States complicit in these 30,000+ deaths but a perpetrator.

Pasadena must take a stand. Pasadena must call for a ceasefire.

Please vote YES on the ceasefire resolution.

Regards,

Abigail Mosman

From:	Leora Mosman
To:	<u>Gordo, Victor</u>
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
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Cc: Subject: Date: Attachments:	Márquez, Miguel; <u>Derderian, Lisa</u> Decision to vote on a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:38:00 AM <u>Claremont City Council - Consideration of Official City Positions and Conflict and Humanitarian Crisis Impacting</u> <u>Gaza and Israel.pdf</u>

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Good morning. While I have met several of you, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jason Moss and I am the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. I am reaching out to you this morning as a follow-up to the decision made during last night's Pasadena City Council meeting to vote on a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. I am aware that you have been getting pressured to move forward on this I want to share some perspectives that you may not yet have considered.

As I assume you are aware, these requests for resolutions have been taking place at fellow city council meetings throughout the country and in many cases, they are being voted on and adopted by well-intentioned cities. The problem is that in many cases, the language and statement has been having a considerable amount of unintended consequences. Before the Pasadena City Council decides to weigh in on this issue, I urge you to take a similar path that the City of Claremont took two weeks ago when they decided to codify a long-standing internal policy by adopting a resolution that stated they would not weigh in on international issues that have no real effect on their city. I have attached the staff packet that they received prior to the meeting with some very important information and perspective. Just so you are aware, they voted on this after a 7-hour meeting that included close to 5 ½ hours of public comment and a very contentious chamber... even with a strong police presence. I would also let you know that at other city council meetings, the verbal attacks against Jews specifically have been unconscionable and full of antisemitism and hate.

You will also notice in the packet is the draft resolution they would have voted on had they not adopted the previous resolution. Having gone through it very closely, the language in this resolution is much better and even-handed compared to resolutions that other cities have adopted.

It is important to know, however, that this kind of resolution appears to be just the first step in a city being asked to take a stand. The City of Pomona adopted a resolution in January, after Mayor Tim Sandoval spent quite a bit of time talking with the Jewish community and the supporters of a resolution. Since that resolution was passed, Pomona's City Council has since been repeatedly asked to adopt a resolution calling for the city to divest any investments in companies that do business with Israel. These efforts are doing far more harm than good.

This is why I am urging you and your colleagues to do what you can to avoid this and take Claremont's approach.

I would love to be a resource to you and your colleagues (and city staff) in order to provide you additional assistance or perspective on this very delicate matter. I can be reached either on my mobile (

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To:	Gordo, Victor
Subject:	Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
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	(Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject:	FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 5:54:16 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
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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.

The Israeli human rights group, B'T Selem, accuses Israel of War Crimes in Gaza and states, "...this policy is not new, but has been implemented towards Gaza for many years. The death, destruction, pain and horror it has wrought have led to nothing but more horror."

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

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I am a member of the Civic Engagement Committee of the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valley. My family often comes to Pasadena and we have long patronized its businesses and institutions, from hair salons to Vroman's to restaurants to Kidspace. I am writing in the hope that your City Council will stick to dealing with the concerns that residents in the greater Pasadena area share and <u>not</u> weigh in on issues of international war and peace in the Middle East.

Obviously, the Pasadena City Council has neither authority nor control over the foreign policy and military choices of the United States, Hamas, Iran, or Israel. Instead, the City Council has the authority and means to tackle the many challenges of municipal governance. Why should it be asked to do something at odds with what it was designed to do?

The answer is that activists want to use their access to city councils to spread anti-Israel sentiment in large public forums. This will not improve the lives of local community members of any faith. Nor will it save the lives of anyone involved in the brutal and complex conflict in which Palestinians, Israelis, Persians, Lebanese, Yemenis, and US military personnel have all been killed.

But the City Council *does* have the power to signal that Pasadena is a place where we-- despite all our diversity--can unite over the things that we share as members of this community by avoiding proclamations about issues far outside its jurisdiction. If the Council instead passes a resolution that takes sides in a war in the Middle East, it will send a loud message to the Jewish members of the community—many of whom have personal ties to Israel and whose identities are linked to its fate—that we alone are to be singled out for attack and opprobrium.

During the Covid epidemic, I—as I'm sure you did--joined with people in this area in denouncing ugly conspiracy theories about its origins that cast aspersions on Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans. I supported #StopAsianHate because I understood that whatever happened abroad had no bearing on what was important *here*: that we come together to keep each other healthy and to reject isolating any ethnic group or treating that group as less than equal and valued parts of our region.

I beg the Council not to single out Israel, and by invariable association, Jews. I would not ask you to weigh in *for* Israel either, because I know that we *are* diverse. Even the Jews of this region are religiously, politically, and ethnically diverse. As long as the Council is not "taking sides," this can be a place where I can work and shop and educate my kids in friendly and tolerant coexistence alongside people who see things totally differently than I do when it comes to these agonizing issues. That is the beauty of keeping local in Pasadena and its surrounding communities.

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Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date:	Friday, March 15, 2024 8:06:12 PM

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From:	Rola Murtada	
To:	Gordo, Victor	
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To:	Gordo, Victor
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To:	Gordo, Victor
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> cityclerk
Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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То:	Gordo, Victor
Cc:	<u>Hampton, Tyron; Williams. Felicia; Jones. Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason;</u> <u>citvclerk</u>
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Thank you,

Ezra Muthiah

From:	<u>Lisa Muthiah</u>
To:	Gordo, Victor
Subject:	Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution
Date:	Friday, March 15, 2024 5:33:31 PM

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Gaza is running out of time, and needs us to act now. The International Court of Justice has found that it is plausible that Israel is committing genocide. And now starvation and disease are spreading at unseen rates; the UN reports that Israel is "engineering famine." Israel is severely limiting the amount of food and water entering into Gaza. Blocking food and water to a civilian population is a war crime and an act of genocide. As a mother, educator, and human, I cannot stand by and watch this happen in my lifetime.

Please vote yes on the ceasefire resolution. When future generations ask you what you did during this time, I hope you will be able to say you did something to end this occupation.

Thank you, Lisa Muthiah (former teacher at PUSD, parent of PUSD alumni, church attender in Pasadena)

From:	Rob Muthiah	
To:	City Council; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve;	
	Lyon, Jason; Jones, Justin	
Subject:	ect: Resolution for Gaza Ceasefire	
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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I am furious that Israel is using starvation as a tool of war, in direct violation of the Geneva Conventions. We are now getting daily reports of people in Gaza dying from starvation, starvation not caused by natural disasters, but by the Israeli military refusing to let aid into Gaza.

While I denounce Hamas and the atrocities they committed on Oct. 7, 2023, their deplorable actions do not give Israel a free pass to brutalize the whole Palestinian population of Gaza. We must demand a ceasefire *now*.

Please join the over 55 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudhy, Oakland, Ojai, and Pomona in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Sincerely, Rob Muthiah

Jomsky, Mark

	Alexandra Morozov < Alexandra Morozov 692902633@yourconstituent.com sit Monday, March 18, 2024 9:18 AM
То:	Jomsky, Mark Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Sincerely, Alexandra Morozov Los Angeles, CA 91401

Jomsky, Mark

From:	Eric Newman <eric.newman.692895182@foradvocacy.com></eric.newman.692895182@foradvocacy.com>
Sent:	Monday, March 18, 2024 9:12 AM
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Iraheta, Alba

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Sent:	Friday, March 15, 2024 7:35 PM	
То:	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:	steve NATHAN
To:	Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica;
	Lyon, Jason
Cc:	Márquez, Miguel
Subject:	vote NO on Pasadena City Council ceasefire resolution
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Honorable members of City Council of Pasadena,

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Many members of our City Council have been spending more time on national issues instead of attending to their responsibilities on municipal concerns. Local governments bodies should focus on local matters and should not adopt official positions on political issues that are not germane to them.

Respectfully, Steve Nathan

From:	Anwar Nasser	
Sent:	Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:39 PM	
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Subject:	FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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То:	Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette
Subject:	(Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

From: Naeema Nazim

Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:19:19 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

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

Additionally, a majority of people in Gaza are facing starvation due to humanitarian aid being blocked with the UN warning of famine as soon as May.

It is critical that we respond firmly and strongly with a ceasefire resolution. Please join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudahy, Oakland, and Pomona in voting for a ceasefire by voting "Yes" on the resolution introduced by Counilmember Rivas, this Monday

Thank you,

From:	Anna Nayshul
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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, Anna Nayshul and family Manchester, CT

82% of Americans support Israel's fight against Hamas" (Harvard Harris Poll). [5]

References:

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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)

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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