

Iraheta, Alba

From: Alison Wissot
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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From: Perri Wittgrove
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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:26 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: Briana Wolf
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:25:41 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>; Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>; Rivas, Jessica <jerivas@cityofpasadena.net>; Jones, Justin <justinjones@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>; Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net>
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From: [Melanie Wolf](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)
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Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:02:50 PM

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From: [Michael Wolman](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:38:25 PM

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Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 12:51:42 AM

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From: [Abby Woodworth](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [cityclerk](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#)
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From: Judy Werner
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:50 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
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From: Leah Weintraub
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Outrageous Israel/Hamas war resolution!

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

As a Jewish-American former resident of Pasadena, I am absolutely appalled to learn that the Pasadena City Council will be voting on a resolution for a cease-fire in the war between Israel and Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization.

What are you thinking, may I ask, as you align yourselves with those who supported and applauded the heinous war crimes of October 7th, 2023, that included the mass murder of Israeli civilian families and music festival attendees, rape, beheadings and kidnappings?

Is this how you, as a council, represent yourselves? That you cave so easily and capitulate to the demands of virulently anti-Israel and anti-semitic groups? Really? We had hoped, and prayed, for more backbone, a lot more.

With all the respect I can muster, I suggest, ask, and yes demand, that you give no credence to this outrageous interference in a situation you clearly know very little about.

It is not your place to involve yourselves in the vile rhetoric of those who would provoke hate against Jews and Israelis, and especially in the city of Pasadena. Your council member positions do not permit you to insert your opinion, and especially not your vote, in matters of international war.

Today, you have an opportunity to step down from this ridiculous motion, and walk humbly before your G-d.

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Leah Weintraub

From: [Lois Weinsaft](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
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From: Casey Wong
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:19 AM
To: Gordo, Victor
Cc: cityclerk; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Vote YES to Pass a Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:

I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution when it comes up on the 18th. Pasadena should join the dozens of American cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions. Gaza is running out of time, and needs us to act now.

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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 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.

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From: Leah Weintraub
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Outrageous Israel/Hamas war resolution!

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What are you thinking, may I ask, as you align yourselves with those who supported and applauded the heinous war crimes of October 7th, 2023, that included the mass murder of Israeli civilian families and music festival attendees, rape, beheadings and kidnappings?

Is this how you, as a council, represent yourselves? That you cave so easily and capitulate to the demands of virulently anti-Israel and anti-semitic groups? Really? We had hoped, and prayed, for more backbone, a lot more.

With all the respect I can muster, I suggest, ask, and yes demand, that you give no credence to this outrageous interference in a situation you clearly know very little about.

It is not your place to involve yourselves in the vile rhetoric of those who would provoke hate against Jews and Israelis, and especially in the city of Pasadena. Your council member positions do not permit you to insert your opinion, and especially not your vote, in matters of international war.

Today, you have an opportunity to step down from this ridiculous motion, and walk humbly before your G-d.

Sincerely,
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From: [Briana Wolf](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [cityclerk](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#)
Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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It is critical that we respond firmly and strongly with a ceasefire resolution. Please join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudahy, Oakland, and Pomona in voting for a ceasefire by voting “Yes” on the resolution introduced by Councilmember Rivas, this Monday

Thank you,

From: Frieda Wadler
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Subject: Vote NO to a ceasefire
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From: Fran Wintner
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 3:13 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Cc: [Elly Levy](mailto:EllyLevy@cityofpasadena.net) [Isr.DemocracyDemo.](mailto:EllyLevy@cityofpasadena.net)
Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:14:14 PM
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"The greatest derangement of the mind is to believe in something because one wishes it to be so"

From: [Dynell Weinthal](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:14:33 PM

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From: Leah Weintraub
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Outrageous Israel/Hamas war resolution!

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

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What are you thinking, may I ask, as you align yourselves with those who supported and applauded the heinous war crimes of October 7th, 2023, that included the mass murder of Israeli civilian families and music festival attendees, rape, beheadings and kidnappings?

Is this how you, as a council, represent yourselves? That you cave so easily and capitulate to the demands of virulently anti-Israel and anti-semitic groups? Really? We had hoped, and prayed, for more backbone, a lot more.

With all the respect I can muster, I suggest, ask, and yes demand, that you give no credence to this outrageous interference in a situation you clearly know very little about.

It is not your place to involve yourselves in the vile rhetoric of those who would provoke hate against Jews and Israelis, and especially in the city of Pasadena. Your council member positions do not permit you to insert your opinion, and especially not your vote, in matters of international war.

Today, you have an opportunity to step down from this ridiculous motion, and walk humbly before your G-d.

Sincerely,
Leah Weintraub

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From: Alan Weinstock
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 6:43 AM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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To: [City Council](#); [Gordo, Victor](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Jones, Justin](#)
Subject: call for city council resolution
Date: Thursday, March 07, 2024 5:09:57 PM

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Dear Mayor and members of City Council,

I am writing this as a resident of Pasadena and native of South Pasadena. I also lived in Yemen for many years and know too well what it is like to live under aerial bombardment. My heart is aching for my many friends from and in Palestine, as well as my many American friends who have family in Gaza and the West Bank.

Although it is usually geopolitics that makes these crises happen, the human casualties are what make them crises of humanity.

More than 70 cities across the U.S. have issued resolutions concerning the Israel-Palestine crisis. The majority of U.S. citizens realize the unbelievably disproportionate death and destruction that Israel has unleashed against the Palestinian people, especially Gazans.

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We must speak up as conscientious citizens and honorable elected officials and let the general populace know that we cannot let another moment go by without a full ceasefire and a restoration of the rights of Palestinians to have what we take for granted: food, water, shelter, safety, access to jobs and livelihood, education, freedom of movement, and self-determination.

The ICJ and a US federal court in California both ruled that Israel is "plausibly" committing a genocide and that "it is every individual's obligation to confront the current siege in Gaza." If it is an individual obligation, it is also a collective obligation incumbent on civic organizations such as the Pasadena City Council.

Let's hold our hands together and show that our beautiful city of Pasadena has decided to stand on the right side of history.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lucinda Wills

From: Susan P. Walp
To: Rivas, Jessica
Cc: Gordo, Victor
Subject: Please call for an immediate ceasefire
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:43:28 AM

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cc: Victor Gordo
100 N. Garfield Avenue
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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [cityclerk](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Hampton, Tyron](#)
Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024 12:38:55 PM

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From: Michael Wolman
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:38 PM
To: Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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From: Casey Wong
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:19 AM
To: Gordo, Victor
Cc: cityclerk; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Vote YES to Pass a Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:

I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution when it comes up on the 18th. Pasadena should join the dozens of American cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions. Gaza is running out of time, and needs us to act now.

Pasadena city council has a proud history of standing for justice, even though the council does not exert direct control over national policy. They have spoken out on issues of grave importance in the past - massacres in Artsakh, reproductive freedom, protecting immigrants - this issue deserves the same consideration.

Approximately 40,000 Palestinians have been killed, with tens of thousands more under the rubble. Two-thirds of the dead are women and children. Famine and disease are spreading, and deaths will escalate sharply without an immediate ceasefire and an inflow of aid.

The United Nations has repeatedly voted to pass a ceasefire resolution because the world sees that what is happening in Palestine is not self-defense, but ethnic cleansing and genocide. The refusal by the US to allow the world to speak with one voice is one of the reasons we are here.

Ceasefire is the way to ensure the safe return of all hostages. This is why families of Israeli hostages have been pleading with their government to agree to a ceasefire.

To say that Oct 7 was the end of a ceasefire is simply untrue. Prior to October 7th, 2023 was the deadliest year on record for Palestinians killed by Israel, with 507 Palestinians killed in the West Bank alone. Violence by Israeli forces and also by Israeli settlers (which has been encouraged by the Israeli government) had been escalating and unrelenting leading up to October 7th.

Israel's right to defend itself does not allow it to commit war crimes. Self-defense is not a blank check for genocide. Mass starvation is not self-defense. Mass displacement is not self-defense. Destroying 85 percent of Gaza's homes, as well as schools, hospitals, museums and houses of worship is not self-defense.


Israel has again attacked Palestinian civilians waiting in line to get aid. This time, Israeli forces have killed 80 and injured up to 200 people.

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

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From: Felisa Wyman
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:18 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Does Pasadena have resolutions on Sudan? Yemen? Ukraine? Boko Haram?

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Dear Council Members,

I am reaching out in opposition to a ceasefire resolution that will be proposed at your meeting tonight.

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.

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