

**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  
**Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024 4:25:58 PM

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Thank you,

## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** Muhammad al-Muwadda' and Lucinda "Lamya" Willis  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:20 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council; cityclerk; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Jones, Justin  
**Subject:** Fwd: 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 35,000 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.

## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:32 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

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**From:** Melanie Wolf  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:32:05 PM (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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**Subject:** FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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**From:** Lauren Wilson   
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 2:28:59 PM (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:** Patti Winkel  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:54 AM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Ceasefire Resolution - Community Input

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Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

As a longtime Pasadena resident, I want to first acknowledge all of your hard work and good intentions as you serve our wonderful city. It is truly appreciated. Thank you.

In regard to the resolution concerning the situation in the Mideast, I would urge you all to examine if passing such a resolution is appropriate for a US city, and what it would actually accomplish. I feel strongly that we should concern ourselves with only local issues, and most certainly not highly complex international ones.

Our world is way too divided and our approach these days is extremely tribal, to our collective detriment. We need to find issues to support that unify us, not vilify one group over another. The history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is extremely nuanced and should be left to the experts to analyze and resolve — and I worry that by passing such a resolution, Pasadena residents' sense of safety and security and acceptance will be greatly jeopardized.

Case in point - I, and many people I have spoken with, do not feel comfortable coming to the meeting on Monday. No one should feel that way, ever. I urge you to abandon this resolution and appreciate your clear-headed consideration.

Sincerely,  
Patti Winkel

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**From:** Rhona Wacht [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 7:28 AM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Sincerely,  
Rhona Wacht

**Kenebrew, Jerice**

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**From:** Sharon Washington  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 11:19 PM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; jrivas@cityofpasadena.net; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** March 18th Council Meeting

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Dear City Council Members, City Manager, and City Clerk:

I am contacting you with regards to the March 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to encourage you to **NOT** weigh in on social and political matters that are not local to Pasadena. The Israeli / Palestinian conflict is a highly divisive issue that has been an ongoing struggle for quite some time. I've already witnessed protest in front of City Hall where protesters were chanting "from the river to the sea" regarding Jewish people - A slogan that encourages the annihilation of the Jewish people. With so much division in our nation, creating anger and fear, we shouldn't stoke the flames as a city to take a posture that doesn't represent the views of everyone, especially since, it's not local to Pasadena. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Sharon Washington. District 3.


## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** Nic West  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 8:43 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Nic West



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**From:** Jessica warsaw  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 6:34 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
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Sincerely,  
Jessica warsaw  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Hila Wenokur  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 6:05 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
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Hila Wenokur



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**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:49 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

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From: Misty Jo Wise  
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:47:11 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:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 7:44 AM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
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From: Rachel White  
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 7:43:24 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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Rachel  
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**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 12:52 AM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
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Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 12:51:23 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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J Wong  
Pasadena, CA

**From:** [Valerie Weiss](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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**From:** [Joel Kabaker](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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**From:** Dorit Kafaierad Yahoo  
**To:** [action@endjewhated.com](mailto:action@endjewhated.com)  
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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.

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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

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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.

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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,

Dorit Mikdash

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/](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](https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp)

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Excerpts from Hamas Charter:

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**From:** Aiya Kanawati <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:05:25 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>  
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Best,  
Aiya Kanawati

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Aiya Kanawati  
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Thank you,  
Julie Tai  
Sent from my iPhone



**Iraheta, Alba**

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**From:** bruce kanter  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 5:23 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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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,  
bruce kanter

## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** Sandra Kanter  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 9:53 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Sandra Kanter



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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:56 PM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Vote Yes - Ceasefire Resolution

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**From:** Rita Kapadia ·  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:55:16 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Cc:** cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Subject:** Vote Yes - Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Steve Madison,

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Thank you,  
Rita Kapadia

**From:** Kaplan Family  
**To:** [action@endjewhatred.com](mailto:action@endjewhatred.com)  
**Subject:** Vote NO to a ceasefire  
**Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:03:01 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,  
K Kaplan

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].

**From:** [Laura Kaplansky](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
**Date:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 3:40:03 AM

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## Sabha, Tamer

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**From:** Lily Karam  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 7:09 AM  
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Thank you,

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Regards,

Nasser

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## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** Haley Karish  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 8:41 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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**From:** [Ayla Karlin](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 7:07 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

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From: Amreen Karmali <[amreen.karmali@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:amreen.karmali@cityofpasadena.net)>  
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 7:06:38 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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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

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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,

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## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Howard Kaufman  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 6:00 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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