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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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**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: Luana Kasych  
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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 Councilmember Rivas, this Monday

Thank you,

Best,  
Luana Kasych  
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**From:** [Nachum Katlowitz](#)  
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There are 49 Muslim majority nations, and 1.8 billion Muslims. There is only 1 Jewish majority nation and fewer than 16 million Jews. To believe that Jews have a right to their own homeland is to be a Zionist, and like President Biden, I am a Zionist. I believe Israel has a right to exist.

October 7, 2023 was the bloodiest day for Jews since World War II. I was on the phone that awful morning with my friend in Israel. It was hard getting information that morning, but when he and I did connect I learned that he was sheltering in his house with his family. Three terrorists infiltrated his town and were thankfully stopped by vigilant neighbors, but I know my friend and his family were frightened as the entire country came under attack. That attack included the launching of thousands of rockets aimed indiscriminately. For me personally, it felt like the pogroms of those days, but it was somehow more awful because it was happening in real time and the ghastly images were broadcast all over the world. And to broadcast these horrors was a tactical choice made by those who committed the attack - Hamas.

Hamas has been the de facto governing body of the Gaza Strip since 2007. It is bankrolled and supported by the Islamic Regime controlling Iran, and the attacks of October 7 were launched with Iran's support because the region was getting closer and closer to a meaningful peace. Iran is invested in instability in the region, and it funds Hamas, Hezbollah, and countless other terror groups in the region.

Almost immediately after the attacks of October 7, Iranian backed propaganda began to spread in the United States. Groups were marching in support of the attack and against Israel's anticipated response. One of the most saddening things I observed was a Black Lives Matter Los Angeles poster that celebrated the paragliders who massacred young people at a peace concert. How quickly some forget that American Jews died in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and other places, in 1964 alongside their black brothers fighting together for equal rights in this country. Now, some who we thought were allies were willingly applauding the massacre of our people.

Before Israel even launched its invasion, it was being accused of a genocide by those who appear before you today asking you to support this resolution. Make no mistake about it, those who accuse Israel of committing genocide are making blood libel accusations rooted in bigotry. Those who accuse Israel of murdering tens of thousands of babies and children are making blood libel accusations against Israel. These folks are taking information provided by Hamas - the entity responsible for the attack of Oct. 7 - and in turn asking city councils across America, and here in Pasadena, to condemn Israel.

I ask that the City Council vote down this measure. The proposal is rooted in bigotry and antisemitism, and we need leaders who understand how harmful and hurtful these calls to action are. For instance, was this City Council pressed into action to issue a resolution in response to Bashar al Assad killing half a million Muslims in Syria? Was this City Council pressed into action to condemn the slaughter of Muslim Rohingya people in Myanmar? Was this City Council pressed into action to condemn any other alleged genocide? Or is it only because the Jews of Israel are defending themselves in response to unspeakable horrors that you are being called to act? If you issue a resolution condemning Israel while you've been silent about other foreign policy issues, you'll be carrying water for the terrorists who committed these brutal acts. If you issue this resolution, you'll be regurgitating Iranian propaganda.

If this City chooses to get involved at all, which it shouldn't, it should condemn the taking of hostages. It should condemn the killing of more than 30 Americans by Hamas. It should condemn the rape and sexual violence committed on Oct. 7 and which continues today. It should condemn those here in America who took to the streets to celebrate October 7. We need peace and we need peacemakers, but we also need to stand together resolutely against terror and division. This resolution only serves to divide, and it makes your Jewish community members feel less safe.



We need leaders who don't align our city with terrorists. Vote no on this resolution.

Joseph Kaufman

**From:** [Neil Kaufman](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Kathy Katz

## Kenebrew, Jerice


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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:47 PM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanelle (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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From: Kelly <  
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:45:42 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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Thank you,

## Sabha, Tamer

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**From:** Danna Khader <[dkhader@pasadena.gov](mailto:dkhader@pasadena.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 8:59 AM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
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**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 today. 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. Thank you



## Kenebrew, Jerice


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Wessal Khader

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**From:** Maha Khaleel  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:37:44 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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Abeer Khan

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Anjum Khan  
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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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Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:39:16 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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Thank you, Bushra Khan.

**From:** [forouzan khalili](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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Dear Mayor Gordo,

I am writing you today to urge you not to adopt any biased "ceasefire" resolution that would fuel divisions and hate in our community, while harming efforts to end the horrific October 7th War.

I want an end to the fighting and suffering in Gaza and Israel, as I'm sure you do. However, biased "ceasefire" city council resolutions have been shown to have no impact on this complex conflict. In fact, what the Jewish community has witnessed is that resolutions like this actually fuel more hate towards Jews and anyone else who does not believe cities should weigh in on international issues. There are many examples of such hate, including in the Oakland and Long Beach city councils.

I feel it is important to remind you of the following:

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.
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From: ikbal khan <[ikbal.khan@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:ikbal.khan@cityofpasadena.net)>  
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:08:50 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
To: Gordo, Victor  
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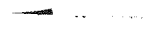
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Lala Rukh Khan

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:07 PM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanelle (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

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Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:07:17 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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Naguib Khan,MD

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**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 6:22:43 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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**Cc:** cityclerk <[cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net)>; Williams, Felicia <[fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net)>; Masuda, Gene <[gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net)>; Rivas, Jessica <[jerivas@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:jerivas@cityofpasadena.net)>; Jones, Justin <[justinjones@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:justinjones@cityofpasadena.net)>; Lyon, Jason <[jllyon@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:jllyon@cityofpasadena.net)>; Madison, Steve <[smadison@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:smadison@cityofpasadena.net)>; Hampton, Tyron <[THampton@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:THampton@cityofpasadena.net)>  
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## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Micro Trends ·  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 11:05 AM  
**To:** Micro Trends  
**Subject:** CEASE FIRE IN GAZA - URGENT

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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 TODAY. Gaza is running out of time, and needs us to act now. Fight is between equals. not by committing genocide of innocent people.

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 by Israeli settlers had been escalating and unrelenting leading up to October 7th.

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.

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.  
Riaz Khan

## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 3:27 PM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Pleasw Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday 03-18-24

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**From:** Rosanna Khan  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:51:27 AM (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: Sabiha Khan <[sabiha.khan@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sabiha.khan@cityofpasadena.net)>  
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 6:39:48 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
To: Gordo, Victor  
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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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To: Gordo, Victor  
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## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Marissa Khetan <[\[redacted\]](#)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 10:43 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council; cityclerk; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Jones, Justin  
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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Council staff:

I am a constituent who lives in the Playhouse Village neighborhood. I am an attorney and a mother. Today, I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution when it comes to a vote on the 18th. Pasadena should join the dozens of American cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions.

I have only lived in Pasadena since 2021, but I am proud of this community. It is full of decent, bighearted people who are trying to do right by their families and their community. We should feel proud to stand on the right side of history in this moment.

There is no denying that the history of Israel and Palestine is fraught and complicated. But *this issue*, that of indiscriminate killing and starvation of civilians, including *thousands* of women and children, is not complicated at all. It is wrong, and clearly so.

My heart aches for the families whose members, including children, were taken hostage and are still missing. Hamas is atrocious for committing such an act. AND it does not justify the ruthlessness of the Israeli response.

Please vote in favor of this resolution.

Thank you,

Marissa Khetan

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 12:33 AM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanelle (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
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Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 12:32:40 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
To: Gordo, Victor  
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**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
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## Sabha, Tamer

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:07 AM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Dear City Manager Miguel Marquez,

I am writing you today to urge you not to adopt any biased "ceasefire" resolution that would fuel divisions and hate in our community, while harming efforts to end the horrific October 7th War.

I want an end to the fighting and suffering in Gaza and Israel, as I'm sure you do. However, biased "ceasefire" city council resolutions have been shown to have no impact on this complex conflict. In fact, what the Jewish community has witnessed is that resolutions like this actually fuel more hate towards Jews and anyone else who does not believe cities should weigh in on international issues. There are many examples of such hate, including in the Oakland and Long Beach city councils.

I feel it is important to remind you of the following:

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.

**From:** Tara Khoshbin  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"  
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Sincerely,  
Tara Khoshbin

## Kenebrew, Jerice

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:48 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:** Nick & Laurie Kietzman-Greer <[nkgreer@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:nkgreer@cityofpasadena.net)>  
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Thank you,  
Laura Kietzman-Greer

**From:** Cecile  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on a Ceasefire Resolution  
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Dear Victor M. Gordo,

I urge you to vote for an immediate permanent ceasefire in Gaza. While the killing of innocent civilians is unjustifiable on both sides, it is important to acknowledge that **this conflict did not start on October 7**. Historical documents from Israel evidence grave atrocities committed against Palestine communities that have lived in most of what is now Israel, for generations, in order to expel them and establish the state of Israel on Palestinian land. Israel's oldest newspaper, the Haaretz, cites documents on the grave injustices that Israel committed against the Palestinian people, including the Lod and Deri Yassin massacres of unarmed nonviolent elderly, men, women, and children. They have endured 75 years of living in dehumanizing, oppressive conditions under an Israeli apartheid regime. It is dangerously misleading to say they had freedom in Gaza when Israel pulled out. And now, they are suffering through the most brutal slaughter and forced starvation in modern history. It is important to understand that Israel was established from the brutal violence of their own terrorist groups.

Please learn the context - it is important and relevant. It will become clear that the only path to lasting peace is a permanent ceasefire that can lead to a peaceful resolution.

Thank you for your time and open mindedness on this matter.

Regards,  
Cecile Kim

**From:** [Eddie Kim](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18  
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## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Marilyn Kirschen  
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**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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**From:** [GLORIA KLAPARDA](#)  
**To:** [Gordo, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Do not vote for a immediate cease fire in Israel  
**Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:41:06 AM

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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,  
Norman Klein

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

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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)
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].