

Kenebrew, Jerice

From: carl selkin <[REDACTED]> on behalf of carl selkin
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 2:24 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 3/18 Special Meeting in support of option 1

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While I applaud my district council representative, Jess Rivas, for attempting to craft a resolution that improves upon the request of those who promote the invidious campaign by the internationally recognized terrorist group Hamas, I strongly object to the City Council considering the divisive and anti-Jewish agenda items. No action on this complex and divisive issue is the only wise choice.

The resolution drafted by "Pasadena for Peace" masquerades as a call to justice for Palestine but parrots Hamas and stokes anti-Jewish bigotry and hate.

Taking up this resolution or Jess Rivas' modification aids and abets the PR campaign of Hamas to portray itself as a victim rather than as the perpetrator and instigator of Palestinian suffering. Hamas PR seeks to delegitimize the very existence of Israel, while Hamas denies the rights and aspirations of Palestinians. These resolutions eclipse this truth.

Hamas prides itself on sacrificing Palestinians for its ideological cause, dismissing Palestinian just claims for self-determination in a secure state side by side with Israel as capitulation. Hamas attacks Gazans who try to help their brothers and sisters access the aid provided by the international community, by Palestinians beyond the borders of Gaza, and others-- mischaracterizing the relief of suffering in Gaza as support for Israel.

In fact, behind the call for an immediate ceasefire is Hamas current iteration of the campaign for *Judenfrei*, territories emptied of Jews.

My friends petitioning in Pasadena ignore the ways the slogan, "From the river to the sea, Palestine must be free," embodies a call to genocide. Let me tell you what I hear in that mantra: It is Hamas war cry to eradicate Jews in the holy land—and beyond. Try as some may to construct an alternative meaning, there is no ambiguity.

I learned what *Judenrein* and *Judenfrei* mean from my father of blessed memory who left medical school in Munich in 1933 and later fought the Nazis from Normandy to Aachen. The message of Hamas is identical with the hate that he and millions of others fought against—though too late to save millions of Jews and others who perished.

The Pasadena City council should refrain from entering the swamp of middle east politics, no matter how much we want an end to hopelessness and suffering. The council said nothing about the gleeful murderous hostage-taking on October 7, so how can it sweep that atrocity under the table while foregrounding the tragedy of its aftermath? Suffering is not some competitive sport where you root for one side or the other, which is exactly what you are being called upon to do under the guise of a false proposal promoted to absolve Hamas of its repression of Palestinians and murderous hate of Jews.

Lies and half-truths are nothing new in this conflict. I am speaking only about one side of this tragedy, because Hamas and its often-unwitting allies are busy unleashing a global war against Jews everywhere.

None of us can feel competent to address all of the conflicts around the globe. Suffering is not competitive but absolute. The Jewish tradition is that the loss of a single life is the destruction of a whole world. Hamas has a very different view of the value of human life.

Let me conclude with Rabbi Nachman's Prayer that our congregation prayed on Shabbat this week:

Rabbi Nachman's Prayer for Peace

May it be Your will,
Holy One, our God, our ancestors' God,
that you erase war and bloodshed from the world
and in its place draw down
a great and glorious peace
so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation
neither shall they learn war any more.

Rather, may all the inhabitants of the earth
recognize and deeply know
this great truth:
that we have not come into this world
for strife and division
nor for hatred and rage,
nor provocation and bloodshed.

We have come here only
to encounter You,
eternally blessed One.

And so,
we ask your compassion upon us;
raise up, by us, what is written:

*I shall place peace upon the earth
and you shall lie down safe and undisturbed
and I shall banish evil beasts from the earth
and the sword shall not pass through your land.
but let justice come in waves like water
and righteousness flow like a river,
for the earth shall be full
of the knowledge of the Holy One
as the waters cover the sea.*

So may it be.
And we say:
Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Selkin

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:16 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

From: Saads Shazia
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:15:52 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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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Dear Mayor Gordo,

I live in District 1 in Pasadena

Please vote "Yes" to the ceasefire resolution on Monday, March 18. I am a nurse and am deeply disturbed by the violence and conditions that the Palestinian people are living in. Too many people, have needlessly died.

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Thank you,
Maya Sharp

From: [Lisa Shah](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)
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Lisa Shah
Teacher

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To:
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Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:13:15 PM

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Platinum Equities
David Shaulian
Principal

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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Dear Mayor Victor Gordo

Please vote "Yes" to the resolution condemning the genocide in Gaza and calling for a ceasefire on Monday March 18.

[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.

[Momo Suzuki](#)

From: [Susann Shin](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)
Subject: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18
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Best,

@shittyslowpics

From: [Lena Shupper](#)
To: action@endjewhatred.com
Subject: Vote NO to a ceasefire
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From: [Naz Shooshani](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:45:04 PM

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Sabha, Tamer

From: Hilit shifman
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From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:16 AM
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

From: Saads Shazia
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:15:52 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: [Dan Sharp](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [cityclerk](#); [PublicComment-AutoResponse](#)
Subject: Vote YES to Pass a Ceasefire Resolution
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:19:04 AM

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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.

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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, Dan Sharp

From: [Annette Sharfstein](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Subject: Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:40:25 PM

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Subject: Support for Ceasefire Resolution
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I am writing to you as a community leader representing hundreds of your constituents from the Islamic faith.

By now the Genocide that Israel is conducting in front of our very eyes is a much well known fact, not a matter of doubt or myth anymore.

Whether we like it or not, your constituents and every single one of you are made to be an accomplice in this genocide by our hard earned tax dollars. Yes its a "City Matter" when ALL of your constituents are made to be a part of this brutality, again, including every one of you.

Yes the City cannot enforce any Federal decision, however, this is the first level platform that your constituents have direct access to, and they want to see that Pasadena stands out at least by their direct statement, for stopping genocide using their money. This matter is NOT like all the other wars going around the world, since again, this is being done using our money.

Our country has become the biggest colonization project for Israel, as they are sucking Billions out of our money to conduct their apartheid. The Zionists portray that these City resolutions will harm their safety, which is a fallacy of an argument. How can it be that their safety here in USA is tied to us allowing Israel to continue killing civilians? In fact this resolution will unite the people in your City more since majority are peace loving people.

If you do not pass this resolution, you will be making a direct statement to your constituents that City of Pasadena supports Genocide, does not care about the demand of their peace loving constituents, and is happy to be a complicit in this genocide.

This is not a Muslim, or Jewish matter, as we see people of ALL walks of life supporting humanity, and I hope Council Members of this beautiful City have not lost humanity.

Please vote yes for ceasefire and make a statement that your constituents are not happy that our hard earned money is being used to drop bombs on children.


Thank you.
Md Shaheed

Kenebrew, Jerice

From: cityclerk
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:22 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
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From: Lisa Shah
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:21:42 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:45 PM
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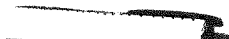
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From: [Shira Sheldon](#)
To: action@endjewhatred.com
Subject: Vote NO to a ceasefire
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Dear Council Members,

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]

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Excerpts from Hamas Charter:

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To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
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Subject: FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

From: A Siddiq
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:40:57 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: 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: [Maheen Siddiqi](#)
To: [Gordo, Victor](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Williams, Felicia](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Masuda, Gene](#); [Rivas, Jessica](#); [Madison, Steve](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [cityclerk](#)
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Kenebrew, Jerice

From: cityclerk
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:48 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

From: Rabia Siddiqi
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:47:27 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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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:59 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

From: Saba Siddiqi
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:58:42 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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From: Nas S
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:39 AM
To: Gordo, Victor
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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.