From:

Nikola Sekulovic <

Sent:

Friday, March 15, 2024 2:05 PM

To:

Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

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Sincerely,
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Los Angeles, CA 90035
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From:

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Iraheta, Alba

From: Sara Schulman

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:24 PM **To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse

Subject: city council resolution

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I am a longtime Jewish resident of Pasadena. One of the things I love about this city is the spirit of tolerance here; it's a very different energy than what I feel in LA. The local Jewish school (which, sadly, closed in 2020) for years had an annual concert together with the Muslim school, and there was an Israeli Jewish boy who, a few years ago, was a star on the Muslim school's basketball team. That's the kind of city we live in.

Now, I read that the city council is considering a Gaza cease fire resolution on Monday. Such resolutions mean nothing and do nothing, except to antagonize people and pit them against each other. We **all** want an ending to this war and the terrible destruction it is causing, but a cease fire resolution should not be one-sided. It should go along with a release of the remaining Israeli hostages taken on Oct. 7 and an end to the Hamas-led government, which planned and executed this brutal attack and will never be an agent for peace.

There are many Israelis living here who are part of the Caltech community, and many Jews who have family and friends who have lost loved ones. To pass a one-sided resolution against Israel feels like a slap in the face to them, and there is fear that it would lead to more actions to make Jews feel unsafe here. So please, **don't**

do this! Leave US foreign policy to the federal government and let Pasadena remain a place of peace and respect for all its citizens.

Best wishes, Sara Schulman

From:

cityclerk

Sent:

Friday, March 15, 2024 4:11 PM

To:

Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette

(Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John

Subject:

FW: Call for Ceasefire

From: Emily Schnitger

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:11:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net> **Cc:** cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>

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Dear Mayor Gordo,

I am a Pasadena resident and business owner. My children attend schools in PUSD (Jackson Elementary and Octavia Butler Middle School). I am also a member of Pasadena Mennonite Church. It is my faith and my profession (I'm a mental health therapist) that compel me to write to you.

I implore you to vote YES to the ceasefire resolution on Monday, March 18.

In that resolution, please include a call for

- immediate and lasting bilateral ceasefire
- release of all captives: Israeli hostages held captive by Hamas and Palestinians detained unlawfully by the Israeli government
- urgent delivery of humanitarian aid

I was one of many in attendance at the meeting this past Monday. I know you have heard numerous arguments in favor of a ceasefire and in opposition to Israel's attack on Gaza. You know the severity of the situation.

I care about the safety of the Jewish people and the people of Israel. AND I care about the the lives and wellbeing of the people of Gaza. I am certain that a permanent ceasefire is essential for both! The generational trauma that is being enacted and perpetuated by Israel's violence (and US funded weapons) will only induce more harm, division, and hatred for all parties involved.

It is critical that we respond firmly and strongly with a ceasefire resolution. Please join the over 70 US cities, including San Francisco, Cudhy, Oakland, and Pomona in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire by voting YES on Monday.

Thank you, Emily Schnitger 91104

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FW: Vote YES on the Ceasefire Resolution on Monday, March 18

From: Zaynab Syed

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:10:20 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
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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

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

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

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

Thank you,

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From: Penina Segall

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:27 PM

To: Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda,

Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Márquez, Miguel; Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Re: Request for Pasadena City Council to keep resources local and not weigh in on non-

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In addition to my previous comments regarding a strong opposition to a Ceasefire Resolution, I have several questions and comments regarding the City Council agenda that was published today at: https://www2.cityofpasadena.net/2024%20Agendas/Mar_18_24/Agenda.asp

With Respect to Concilperson Rivas' proposal, I wanted ask if Pasadena is also going to also make resolutions about the current situations in Senegal, Haiti, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, Ukraine, Moldova, Paupa New Guinea, and Sengal? If not and we are only writing resolutions about the Israeli-Hamas war, then Pasadena is singling out the world's only Jewish nation-state for comment. This is inherently anti-semetic. I believe that you would either need to make resolutions for each worldwide conflict or no conflicts. Given that Pasadena has limited time resources, these resources (including that of Counselpeople's time) need to stay focused on Pasadena and its residents.

Furthermore with respect to the Attachments to the Agenda:

1. With respect to the sample resolutions in Attachment B, most of those resolutions were NOT adopted which is why they are only signed as being entered into public record for consideration. For example, the first example (Claremont) did not adopt that resolution

The title "Examples of Resolutions" is just that. Examples of those proposed, not ones that were passed.

2.Attachment E is a good example of calling for solidarity which directly affected the API community of Pasadena. No one was opposed to it. It did not address the API community specifically in other countries (i.e. the atrocities in Minyamar) and we are also not asking for the Pasadena City Council to pass a resolution condemning the murder and kidnapping of dozens of Thai workers in Israel on October 7th.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD STAY FOCUSED ON THE WELL-BEING OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AND IT'S RESIDENTS. I URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION (2) WHICH CODIFIES THAT WE WILL NOT WEIGH IN ON ANY NON-LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUES.

Thank you

Penina Segall, MD MSc FAAFP

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024 at 9:22 PM Penina Segall < doctorapsg@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Esteemed Counsel Members,

My name is Penina Segall. I was born at Huntington Memorial Hospital in 1974 and have essentially resided in Pasadena since. I am a physician and thus have working knowledge of our city's resources. We rely on the city to help with local issues that affect our community such as public health, housing/homelessness, parks and recreation, public works, and fire/emergency services.

There is a growing mob of disruptive individuals who neither live nor reside in Pasadena that seem to be obsessed with going to multiple city council meetings to spread their misguided ideologies which essentially attempt to divert resources such as staff time to craft resolutions regarding the current crisis in the MiddleEast. Some of these individuals (including James "Jaime" Gutierrez a "civil rights attorney" and his wife Yasmin Cardona who live in Glendora and work in Pomona) not only have no ties to Pasadena, but also have no ties to the Middle East other than a chronic history of anti-semitism (see track record from facebook posts below).

While everyone wants peace in the Middle East, these "Immediate Ceasefire" resolutions do not acknowledge the October 7th attacks that prompted the current war.nor do they actually directly or indirectly benefit anyone in Palestine However, these resolutions have caused division in communities and lead to a rise in anti-Semitic acts and attacks at synagogues and in schools.

At the City Council meeting in Chino Hills on Monday March 12th, City Manager Benjamin Montgomery estimated that the City of Chino Hills has utilized \$40,000 in city funds via listening and responding to public comments about this issue as the aforementioned group has appeared at 4 consecutive meetings demanding this "Immediate Ceasefire" resolution prompting the city to adopt a resolution that the City Council only address items over which the city had jurisdiction.(video available at https://chinohillsca.new.swagit.com/videos/299806)

Out of respect for the people of Pasadena and the unique strengths and challenges we face, I want to keep our home from being the next target of this troublesome group. Although they initially had some "success" when they took up space and appeared in West Covina and Rancho Cucamonga calling for the same thing, the city of Azusa recently did not agendacize it because of the commotion that was made by these individuals in the city Claremont. Both Claremont and Chino Hills recently made resolutions to not weigh in on non-local issues as advised by their staff..

I encourage the city councils to not to weigh in on social and political issues that are not local to Psadena so that the city can focus on its own residents and their needs. Pasadena has enough to deal with locally and does not have the research nor expertise to make informed decisions about issues halfway around the globe.

I urge you to join Azusa, Chino Hills, and Claremont in not succumbing to their rhetoric and to stay neutral on international political issues that do not directly affect the residents of Pasadena.

Thank you, Penina Segall, MD, MSc, FAAFP

From: Nicole Taban

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:59 PM

To: Márquez, Miguel

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Vacaville, CA 95688

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Lonny Weiss

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Irvine, CA 🗇

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To: Márquez, Miguel

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Alison Wissot

Sent:

Friday, March 15, 2024 4:13 PM

To:

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Sincerely, Marianna Zlatkina

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Dear City Manager Miguel Marquiz,

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:

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