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**From:** cityclerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:46 PM  
**To:** Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John  
**Subject:** FW: Ceasefire Resolution

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**From:** Cheri Herrboldt  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:44:26 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Subject:** Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Mayor 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.

Thank you very much,

Cheri Herrboldt

Sabha, Tamer

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**From:** Sara Schulman  
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**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

## Sabha, Tamer

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Dear Mayor Gordo,  
I work/live in Pasadena.  
Please vote "Yes" to the ceasefire resolution on Monday, March 18.

I do not want any more of my tax dollars to be used to murder children.

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, Cudhy, Oakland, and Pomona in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire by voting "Yes" on Monday.

Thank you,

Maria C. Avalos  
91103

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**From:** Jeanine Mann  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:43 PM  
**To:** Márquez, Miguel  
**Subject:** Vote NO on biased calls for "ceasefire"

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Sincerely,  
Jeanine Mann

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Sincerely,  
Limor Geld

Claremont, CA 91711

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Sincerely,  
Stuart Miller

Pasadena, CA 91101

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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,  
Sharon Stein

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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**From:** Daron Geldwert <[daron.geldwert@pasadena.net](mailto:daron.geldwert@pasadena.net)>  
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Sincerely,  
Daron Geldwert

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Matt Ober

Pasadena, CA 91101

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**From:** Yafa Minazad  
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Dear City Manager Miguel Marquiz,

I am a Neurologist in Pasadena, serving the community for the past 15 years. I am also an Iranian Jew who immigrated to US in 1991 with my parents after tolerating years of persecution and anti-Semitic activities in Iran. My story is not unique, there are many members like me. The root of all concerns is not Islam or true Muslim, the issue are those radical terroristic groups such as Hamas, hijacking religion and murdering Jews on October 7th and continuing with their terrorist ideas to created hate, division and chaos. They have no intention of returning innocent hostages after their raped women, shot teenagers in the back and beheaded children in front of their parents. They are not peace loving, humanity compatible groups. I hope for the sake of my family and other Jewish members in the community who have served and lived a quiet life, you do the right thing.

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Sincerely,  
Yafa Minazad

Pasadena, CA 91106



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**From:** Bryan Jick  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 6:59 AM  
**To:** Bryan Jick  
**Cc:** Miller, Stuart C.  
**Subject:** Comments for October 18, 2024 Council Meeting  
**Attachments:** Op Ed by Jason Moss 3.15.24.pdf

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

As a Jewish physician, practicing in Pasadena for over 35 years, I feel obligated to share my comments regarding the upcoming discussion about a “cease-fire” in Israel. I have read the editorial by Jason Moss (pdf attached), and I do not have any better way to say what has been said in that article.

This resolution will do more harm than good.

This resolution is going to further divide our community, which is the opposite of what we expect from our City Government.

This resolution undoubtedly will lead to MORE antisemitic acts in Pasadena, and as Jew and a member of the Pasadena Jewish Temple this causes me great concern and fear.

Warmly,

Bryan Jick, MD  
Altadena, CA 91001

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## City Councils should stay out of the Middle East

By Jason Moss

CITY CLERK  
CITY OF PASADENA

Since October 7, following Hamas' unprovoked attack on Israel, where terrorists killed over 1200 innocent people and kidnapped 253 people, city councils all across the country have received requests to adopt resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

Let that sink in for a moment. People are demanding that city councils, whose public mandate is to be responsible for enacting city policies and laws, weigh in on an international issue as nuanced and complex as the decades-long fight between Israel and Palestinians. These requests require each city, with limited expertise and resources, to address a foreign issue they have no legislative authority over, ultimately taking their attention away from addressing issues that are affecting their city. In essence, city councils are being used to spread anti-Israel sentiment in a large public forum.

This latest effort has now hit Pasadena, with the city council deciding to take up this issue at its March 18 meeting.

While well-intentioned, what city councils fail to recognize is that these resolutions do far more harm than good. Not only do they infer Israel is the root cause of all of the death and destruction in Gaza, they imply that Israel has no interest in peace. Resolutions like this do not account for the fact that if Hamas immediately returned all of the hostages they stole on October 7; the death and destruction would end. Nor do they demand that Hamas stop its actions from preventing the humanitarian aid from reaching the people in Gaza who so desperately need it. These resolutions also tend not to mention that it was Hamas that broke an existing ceasefire on October 6 when they attacked Israel on October 7.

People don't seem to realize that in this latest round of negotiations, Israel has accepted the terms of a ceasefire laid out by negotiators. But Hamas has continually refused. ***How can Israel be held responsible for there not being a ceasefire when its adversary continues to prevent it from happening?***

Often, unbeknownst to city councils, these ceasefire efforts are a means to a further end. Those who are calling for an immediate ceasefire are using this moment to litigate the past and elevate the ongoing struggle of Palestinians. Many supporters' ultimate goal is to further alienate Israel and continue to delegitimize Israel's right to exist through accusations and claims that Israel is an apartheid state or committing genocide. The Jewish community has continued to witness and experience an increase in hate speech and incidents that have targeted Jews these last several months since many people consider Jews to be Israel's proxies. Thus, these efforts further embolden more hate towards Jews along with those who do not support the ceasefire movement.

I understand that people are looking for ways to make a difference and end innocent lives being lost. However, if our congressional leaders, let alone professional negotiators, who are far more knowledgeable than any of us on this issue and intimately know each of the players at the table and have been in the room for the past several weeks, have been unable to pressure each side to agree to the terms of a ceasefire, what makes Pasadena's City Council (or any other city council who is considering similar action) think their symbolic gesture will make it happen? It won't, and these efforts will continue to tear apart the fabric of our society further.

For these reasons (and several others), I urge Pasadena's City Council, as well as any others considering a resolution of their own, to refrain from supporting these efforts and leaving international issues to the experts.

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Jason Moss is the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, an organization that serves as the Jewish voice for the community, whose mission is to build community by strengthening and enhancing Jewish life within the greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.

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Rev. Katerina Gea

*Pastor, Pasadena Mennonite Church*