

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From:
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 9:44 AM
To: Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Jess Rivas; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Support for ethical investment

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

I am writing to urge you to support and expand the ethical investment resolution scheduled to come before council on May 11th.

I am a member of Orange Grove Quaker meeting, and ethical investment has been a core value of Quakers for 250+ years. John Woolman, an 18th century Quaker abolitionist, refused to wear clothing dyed with indigo harvested by slave labor. His example has inspired Quakers ever since. The assets of Orange Grove Meeting are invested in the Friends Fiduciary Corporation (FFC), a Quaker-founded, non-profit organization serving Quaker organizations since 1898, managing over \$800 million with a focus on values-aligned, ethical investing. They screen investments based on peace, social justice, and environmental stewardship, often actively engaging in shareholder advocacy.

As a Pasadena community member, it is very important to me that our tax dollars are spent in alignment with our values as a community. How we spend our money is a direct reflection of our values, and I want to see our spending promote human dignity, freedom, and respect for the planet and all of its people.

I wholeheartedly support the council's decision to prohibit investments in weapons manufacturers, fossil fuel companies and private prisons. And I urge you to go beyond this language, and to align the resolution with Pasadena's stated commitment to protecting our immigrant neighbors by prohibiting investments in companies engaged in mass surveillance. If we are divesting from the private prisons incarcerating our immigrant community members, we should be divesting from the machinery that allows the government to target, surveil and kidnap them. I also hope you will include language about divestment from genocide, specifically naming the genocide in Palestine that our tax dollars are currently funding. Just as Pasadena has acknowledged the Armenian genocide, so should the council acknowledge the human rights atrocities that our government has funded and supported. I don't see how genocide and ethical investment could ever be compatible.

I applaud you for taking this important step to more fully articulate a citywide ethical investment policy. I hope you will take the draft resolution from the Legislative Policy committee and expand on its important premise so that Pasadena can truly have an ethical investment policy that reflects the values of this community I treasure.

Anthony Manousos
Resident of District 1

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From:
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 10:51 AM
To: Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Jess Rivas; Hampton, Tyron; Lyon, Jason; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Cole, Rick; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item # 20 -- Ethical Investment

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I wholeheartedly support the Legislative Policy's Committee's recommendations that the City prohibit investments in weapons manufacturers, fossil fuel companies and private prisons.

However, I urge you to expand the ethical investment resolution to include the genocide taking place in Gaza. Just as Pasadena has acknowledged the Armenian genocide, so should the council acknowledge the human rights atrocities that our government has funded and supported. I don't see how genocide and ethical investment could ever be compatible.

I don't use the term "genocide" lightly. I am a Quaker and I agree with eight major Quaker organizations worldwide that issued a statement calling what is happening in Gaza genocide. In July 2025 the American Friends Service, which received the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of Quakers in 1947, published this statement, which asserts: **"We believe with moral clarity, and in line with the definition of the crime of genocide, that the current actions in Gaza perpetrated by the Israeli government, constitute the crime of genocide."**

I also agree with the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel. Last year they issued a report stating that Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, The Commission urged Israel and all States to fulfil their legal obligations under international law to end the genocide and punish those responsible for it. The US government has given over \$22 billion in military aid to Israel since it began bombing Gaza, so we are morally complicit in any war crimes committed by Israel
Today, Nicholas Kristof of *The New York Times* reported that Israeli forces sexually assault Palestinian prisoners on a regular basis. These allegations, along with other well documented war crimes and atrocities, are widely reported.

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Item 20

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From: Pasadena for Palestine Divestment Coalition ·
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 10:51 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item 20 Ethical Investment

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

The Pasadena for Palestine Divestment Coalition supports the Armenian Bar Association's proposal to strengthen the City's Investment Policy by better identifying its priorities when it comes to human rights violations and to monitor Pasadena's investments in deferred compensation or retirement plans to assess whether such investments are in compliance with the City's ESG standards.

Regarding the genocide in Artsakh:

- The Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention: Issued multiple "Red Flag Alerts" regarding Azerbaijan's actions, characterizing them as a deliberate attempt to create unlivable conditions.
- **Luis Moreno Ocampo:** The former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court published a report finding that the blockade of the Lachin corridor was an act of genocide.
- **International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS):** Condemned the blockade as a "deliberate attack" on the population, with its president stating that Azerbaijan's actions constitute genocide.
- **Genocide Watch:** Placed Azerbaijan at Stage 9: Extermination and Stage 10: Denial regarding the assault on Artsakh. Our goal is for our city to take a stand against all genocides. Our focus has been on the genocide in Gaza because that is the one for which the U.S. is supplying weapons and policial cover, but we stand with everyone who is resisting and acting to stop genocide and hold the perpetrators accountable.

Please use your leadership to help us do that!

Respectfully,

Pasadena for Palestine Divestment Coalition.

05/11/2026
Item 20

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Pasadena for Palestine Divestment Coalition
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 11:40 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item 20: Signatures of Support for Ethical Investment item are LOCAL
Attachments: List of mass email senders showing residence.pdf

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please post this with public comment for Item 20 on the agenda.

We are writing to provide documentation showing that **the people who sent our mass email "YES to Ethical Investment" are overwhelmingly from Pasadena and neighboring cities.** The attached document shows the sender's city of residence for all emails sent as of 11 a.m. on May 11. Of the approximately 300 emails, only 12 senders did not list a California residence. The largest number of senders are from Pasadena, and other senders are primarily from Los Angeles, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Burbank, Monrovia, and other parts of Los Angeles County.

Based on past experience, we believe that the senders of the "Stop BDS" theme mass emails sent to Council either did not provide their city of residence or they are not from the Pasadena area and have little if any connection to our community. When the ethical investment resolution was on the agenda for the 18 December 2025 Legislative Policy Committee meeting, over a thousand people sent in emails of opposition. However, we were able to verify with City Clerk Mark Jomsky **that almost none of the people expressing opposition provided their location and that the few who did were from outside our area.** A copy of Clerk Jomsky's email is posted below.

The email below is confirming that the mass email against ethical investment when it was on the Legislative Policy Committee agenda in December 2025 did not include info on the sender's residence.

Confirming

From   Jomsky, Mark <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>

To 



Hi,

This is to confirm, per our conversation last week, that the vast majority of the emails re proposed resolution do not state the location of the sender. In the sampling that I went t with cities stated. Apologies for the delay in sending this email.

Mark

Respectfully,
Pasadena for Palestine Divestment Coalition

First name	Last name	City	State/P	Zip code	Letter Subject
Seth	Morrison	Albany	CA	94706	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
David	Bailey	Alhambra	CA	91801	YES to Ethical Investment
Niharika	Saxena	Alhambra	CA	91801	YES to Ethical Investment
Gary	Young	Alhambra	CA	91801	YES to Ethical Investment
Andrew	Noice	Alhambra	CA	91801	YES to Ethical Investment
Amber	Pennington	Alhambra	CA	91801	YES to Ethical Investment
Cheri	HERRBOLDT	ALTADENA	CA	91001	YES to Ethical Investment
Tammy	Tosounian	Altadena	CA	91001	YES to Ethical Investment
Sumayya	Ansari	Arcadia	CA	91006	YES to Ethical Investment
Cyd	Nam	Arcadia	CA	91006	YES to Ethical Investment
InÃ©s	VelÃ©squez-McBryde	Arcadia	CA	91006	YES to Ethical Investment
Nate	Brown	Ardmore	PA	19003	YES to Ethical Investment
Tabitha	Stephen	Bakersfield	CA	93301	YES to Ethical Investment
mana	pirnia	berkeley	CA	94710	YES to Ethical Investment
Julie	Grair	Burbank	CA	91504	YES to Ethical Investment
Zara	Hambartsounian	Burbank	CA	91502	YES to Ethical Investment
Bill	Kaiser	Burbank	CA	91505	YES to Ethical Investment
Noah	Kelley	Burbank	CA	91502	YES to Ethical Investment
RONALD	STAGE	burbank	CA	91201	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Andrea	Tuttrup	Burbank	CA	91501	YES to Ethical Investment
Alissandra	Valdez	Burbank	CA	91501	YES to Ethical Investment
Nivine	Grair	Burbank	CA	91504	YES to Ethical Investment
Gina	Mangiaracina	Burbanm	CA	91504	YES to Ethical Investment
Carole	Abumoussa	Charlotte	NC	28215	YES to Ethical Investment
Samuel	DeWilde Muthiah	Chicago	IL	60660	YES to Ethical Investment
Kalani	Flores	Covina	CA	91723	YES to Ethical Investment
Caelyn	Oei	Covina	CA	91722	YES to Ethical Investment
M. Theresa	Basile	Culver City	CA	90230	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Cicely	Bingener	culver city	CA	90230	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Nora	Talebi	Danville	CA	94526	YES to Ethical Investment
Jessica	Moss	Diamond bar	CA	91765	YES to Ethical Investment
Leila	Giries	Downey	CA	90241	YES to Ethical Investment
Liliana	Bimbela	El monte	CA	91731	YES to Ethical Investment

Melissa	Hogan	El segundo	CA	90245 YES to Ethical Investment
Danielle	M Kouri	Emeryville	CA	94608 YES to Ethical Investment
Lilian	Truong	Garden Grove	CA	92843 YES to Ethical Investment
Corey	Vaughan	Glassell Park	CA	90065 YES to Ethical Investment
Raisa	F	Glendale	CA	91202 YES to Ethical Investment
Lisa	Finlay	Glendale	CA	91207 YES to Ethical Investment
Rev Rosa Canc	Ramirez	Glendale	CA	91202 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Mona	Valeriano	Glendale	CA	91206 YES to Ethical Investment
Joseph	Valeriano	Glendale	CA	91206 YES to Ethical Investment
Kristen	Olsen	Glendale CA	CA	91202 YES to Ethical Investment
Lillian	Bitar	Glendora	CA	91741 YES to Ethical Investment
Sabith	Khan	Glendora	CA	91741 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Miren Inake	Martinez Fonseca	Glendora	CA	91740 YES to Ethical Investment
Mario	Hazboun	Harbor city	CA	90710 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Theodore	Cohen	hawthorne	CA	90250 YES to Ethical Investment
Diana	Venegas	Hercules	CA	94547 YES to Ethical Investment
Andrea	Rubalcava	Inglewood	CA	90302 YES to Ethical Investment
Christine	An	Irvine	CA	92612 YES to Ethical Investment
carolyn	park	la	CA	90026 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Zara	Malik	La Canada	CA	91011 YES to Ethical Investment
Andrea	kraybill	La Crescenta-Montrose	CA	91214 YES to Ethical Investment
Joseph	Zamaria	Lafayette	CA	94549 YES to Ethical Investment
Nadia	Dimo	Long beach	CA	90802 YES to Ethical Investment
Michelle	Lewis	Long Beach	CA	90802 YES to Ethical Investment
duVergne	Gaines	Los Angeles	CA	90019 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Marianne	Albina	Los Angeles	CA	90065 YES to Ethical Investment
Ibrahim	al-Jaylat	Los Angeles	CA	90064 YES to Ethical Investment
Joseph	Bearer	Los Angeles	CA	90042 YES to Ethical Investment
Danielle	Davis	Los Angeles	CA	90012 YES to Ethical Investment
Ethne	Dennis	Los Angeles	CA	90031 YES to Ethical Investment
Alex	Dobbs	Los Angeles	CA	90022 YES to Ethical Investment
Lyndsey	Doolen	Los Angeles	CA	90019 YES to Ethical Investment
Lenore	Dowling	Los Angeles	CA	90039 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
John	Eicher	Los Angeles	CA	91604 YES to Ethical Investment

Denise	Gaberman	Los angeles	CA	90042 YES to Ethical Investment
Seychelle	Gabriel	Los Angeles	CA	90032 YES to Ethical Investment
Crystal	Gianvecchio	Los Angeles	CA	90042 YES to Ethical Investment
Esther	Gomez	Los Angeles	CA	90037 YES to Ethical Investment
Edward	Harris	Los Angeles	CA	91602 YES to Ethical Investment
Venedel	Herbito	Los Angeles	CA	90042 YES to Ethical Investment
Susanna	Hostetter	Los Angeles	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Lilly	Huang	Los Angeles	CA	90042 YES to Ethical Investment
Jessica	Hyatt	Los Angeles	CA	91754 YES to Ethical Investment
Rolly	Kent	Los Angeles	CA	90068 YES to Ethical Investment
Elly	Levy	LOS ANGELES	CA	90034 YES to Ethical Investment
kirby	Imft	LOS ANGELES	CA	90028 YES to Ethical Investment
Robert	Lopez	Los Angeles	CA	90063 YES to Ethical Investment
Edward	Lothrop	Los Angeles	CA	90066 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Mia	M	Los Angeles	CA	90027 YES to Ethical Investment
David	Marsten	Los Angeles	CA	90036 YES to Ethical Investment
Olivia	McGinley	Los Angeles	CA	90065 YES to Ethical Investment
Chelly	Mendez	Los Angeles	CA	90003 YES to Ethical Investment
Kristin	Meyer	Los Angeles	CA	90027 YES to Ethical Investment
Lauren	Murtidjaja	Los Angeles	CA	90042 YES to Ethical Investment
Sophie	Nickoll	Los Angeles	CA	90026 YES to Ethical Investment
Aaron	Palmer	Los Angeles	CA	90025 YES to Ethical Investment
Sue	Park-Hur	Los Angeles	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Michael	patinMm	Los Angeles	CA	90042 YES to Ethical Investment
Lauren	Rewers	Los Angeles	CA	90027 YES to Ethical Investment
T	Rutherford	Los Angeles	CA	91344 YES to Ethical Investment
hannah	shetler	Los Angeles	CA	90026 YES to Ethical Investment
Alise	Sochaczewski	Los Angeles	CA	90012 YES to Ethical Investment
Harrison	White	Los Angeles	CA	90042 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Jerry	Wootan	Los angeles	CA	90032 YES to Ethical Investment
virginia	Fawcett	Los Angeles	CA	90066 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Laurelin	Kruse	Los Angeles	CA	90065 YES to Ethical Investment
David	Sosa	Los Angeles	CA	90032 YES to Ethical Investment
Miriam	Umar	Malibu	CA	90265 YES to Ethical Investment

Zain	Khalifeh	Manhattan Beach	CA	90266 YES to Ethical Investment
Wendy	Feng	Menlo Park	CA	94025 YES to Ethical Investment
Bahaur	Amini	Mission Viejo	CA	92692 YES to Ethical Investment
Michael	Flynn	Monrovia	CA	91016 YES to Ethical Investment
Bhavi	Queen	Monrovia	CA	91016 YES to Ethical Investment
Ryan	Upton	Monrovia	CA	91016 YES to Ethical Investment
Danielle	Upton	Monrovia	CA	91016 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Jacqueline	Kandalaft	Monrovia	CA	91016 YES to Ethical Investment
Alex	Polish	Montebello	CA	90640 YES to Ethical Investment
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Jane	wallace	Monterey Park	CA	91754 YES to Ethical Investment
Armando	Scott	Montrose, Ca	CA	91030 YES to Ethical Investment
Lisa	Claypool	Murrieta	CA	92562 YES to Ethical Investment
Nora Lester	Murad	Newton	MA	2466 The whole country is watching Pasadena - say YES !
Maisoon	Afaneh	Norco	CA	92860 YES to Ethical Investment
Bev	Henkel	Norfolk	NE	68701 YES to Ethical Investment
Parker	Carnahan	North Hollywood	CA	91601 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Nicole	Pano	North Hollywood	CA	91601 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Melanie	Saldana	North Hollywood	CA	91602 YES to Ethical Investment
Gabrielle	Wimer	Oakland	CA	94609 YES to Ethical Investment
Angela	Lederach	Orange	CA	92866 YES to Ethical Investment
liz	price	palo alto	CA	94304 YES to Ethical Investment
David	Abramovitch	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Humaira	Afzal	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Tariq	Afzal	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Muhammad	Al Muwadda	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Dylan	Bannon	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Karen	Beavers	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Hannah	Belk-Yee	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Molly	Bernitz	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Kassahun	Betre	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Brian	Biery	Pasadena	CA	91103 Please Vote YES on Ethical Investment Policy Amendment
Andrew	Borden	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Boualem	Bousseloub	Pasadena	CA	91103 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena

Noah	Branson	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Elizabeth	Branson	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Amanda	Brinkerhoff	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Annie	Burns	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Ty	Buxman	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Micah	Calabrese	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Cynthia	Cannady	Pasadena	CA	91105 YES to Ethical Investment
Andy	Carazo	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Iris	Chen	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Jason	Chen	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Areta	Crowell	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Gina	Dance	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
AmÃ©rica	Dance	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Rachel	Darling	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Divina	Davidds-Garrido	Pasadena	CA	91105 YES to Ethical Investment
Cheryl	Davis	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Gary	Doran	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Bonnie	E Blustein	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Sarah	Eggers	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Rana	El Yousef	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Vanessa	ElShamy	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Mary Ann	Feeney	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Edward	Fisher	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Mary	Fitzgerald	Pasadena	CA	91101 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Nathan	Freemyer	PASADENA	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Maddie	Gavel Briggs	Pasadena	CA	91104 My Ask of You, City Leaders, for Ethical Investment
Katerina	Gea	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Husam	Ghanim	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
David	Gist	Pasadena	CA	91103 Vote YES on Ethical Investment
Reo	Glancey	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Maddie	Gonzalez	Pasadena	CA	91184 YES to Ethical Investment
Juan	Guevara	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Christopher	Hanna	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Arianna	Harrison	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment

Randall	Heyn-Lamb	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Donelia	Heyn-Lamb	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Melissa	Hofstetter	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Susan	Houser	Pasadena	CA	91104 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Gabby	Hurtado	Pasadena	CA	91007 YES to Ethical Investment
Rosemary	Hyde	Pasadena	CA	91104 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
John	Hyde	Pasadena	CA	91104 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Sabrina	Jimenez	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Ann	Jopling	Pasadena	CA	91104 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Una	Jost	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Rocio	Kang	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Moonsung	Kang	Pasadena	CA	91103 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Kathryn	Kroger	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Denise	Larsen	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Marylouise	Lau	Pasadena	CA	91105 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Marina	Lecoeuche	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Jackeline	Maldonado	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Anthony	Manousos	PASADENA	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Dan	Martin	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
virii	mata	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Jacob	McKinney	PASADENA	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Britain	McWhorter	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
All Saints	Middle East Ministrt	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Lorna	Miller	Pasadena	CA	91103 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Donald	Miller	Pasadena	CA	91103 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Joelle	Molloy	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Audrey	Moreno	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Rib	Mutgiah	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Lisa	Muthiah	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment!
Kaveh	Naeeni	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Paul	Netherton	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Karen	Newe	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Bert	Newton	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Anne	Nolty	PASADENA	CA	91103 Resounding YES to Ethical Investment

Marley	Otto	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Rishi	Patel	Pasadena	CA	91104 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Nicola	Patton	Pasadena	CA	91801 YES to Ethical Investment
Bailey	Payne	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Claire	Phillips	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Trinity	Pike	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Olivia	Pitcl	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Steve	Rosin	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Ludina	Sallam	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Eric	Schnitger	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Emily	Schnitger	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Hasan	Seede	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Jamila	Seede	Pasadena	CA	91107 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Kelsey	Shea	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Myles	Sherman	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Russell	Smith	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Ash	Smith	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Sherien	Sobhy	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Mouna	Stewart	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Angela	Strong	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Elizabeth	Supple	Pasadena	CA	91104 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Sadad	Talhouni	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Anne	Tipton	PASADENA	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
Edgar	Valenzuela	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
jennifer	vaughan	pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment
jennifer	vaughan	pasadena	CA	91101 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Ted	von der Ahe	Pasadena	CA	91105 YES to Ethical Investment
Abu	Walahada	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES, YES, YES to Ethical Investment
Chase	Weaver	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Lucinda	Wills	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Christopher	Wohlers	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Kenichi	Yoshida	Pasadena	CA	91107 URGENT: YES to Ethical Investment
George	Zhou	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Ruba	Alami	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment

Lena	ALSarraf	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Diane	Becerra	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Michelle	Carrasco	Pasadena	CA	91106 YES to Ethical Investment
Mark	Carrasco	Pasadena	CA	91601 YES to Ethical Investment
Yani	Chang	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Katherine	Eisenhauer	Pasadena	CA	91101 YES to Ethical Investment of OUR Tax Dollars
Amy	Frame	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Michael	George	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Samar	Ghannoum	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Patricia	Hanna	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Sarah	Hayden	Pasadena	CA	91101 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Holly	Hight	Pasadena	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Neil	Kohanski	Pasadena	CA	91103 YES to Ethical Investment
Carolina	Lopez	Pasadena	CA	91104 YES to Ethical Investment
Zatoun	Los Angeles	Pasadena	CA	91104 A STRONG YES to Ethical Investment
Jen	Louie	Pasadena	CA	91104 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Mobolaji	Olambiwonnu	Pasadena	CA	91105 YES to Ethical Investment
Anais	Plasketes	Pasadena	CA	91001 YES to Ethical Investment
Bianca	Richter	Pasadena	CA	91102 YES to Ethical Investment
Nadia	Suryawinata	Pasadena	CA	91106 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Marianne	Carter	Pasadena, CA	CA	91107 YES to Ethical Investment
Monica	Carrasco	Phoenix	AZ	85051 YES to Ethical Investment
Maha	Shariff	Rancho	CA	91739 YES to Ethical Investment
Jade	Shariff	rancho cucamonga	CA	91739 YES to Ethical Investment
Laura	Hamilton	Reseda	CA	91335 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
David	Joyce	Reseda	CA	91335 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Alice	Goodman	Rivaz		1071 YES to Ethical Investment
Alice	Lee	Riverside	CA	92503 YES to Ethical Investment
Erika	McMullin	Riverside	CA	92506 YES to Ethical Investment
Hailey	Garcia	Rosemead	CA	91770 YES to Ethical Investment
Sandra	Khalil	Rowlett	TX	75089 YES to Ethical Investment
Maryam	A	Sacramento	CA	95816 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
DAVID	BAER	San Fernando	CA	91340 YES to Ethical Investment
Lynda	Berg	San Francisco	CA	94103 YES to Ethical Investment

Em	C.	San Gabriel	CA	91776 YES to Ethical Investment
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Richard	Wooden	San Gabriel	CA	91776 YES to Ethical Investment
Leslie	Yick	San Gabriel	CA	91775 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Sarah	Cihak	Santa Clarita	CA	91351 YES to Ethical Investment
Vivian	Botero	Santa Clarita	CA	91350 YES to Ethical Investment
PAUL	DANGELO	Santa Monica	CA	90405 YES to Ethical Investment
Jackie	Romero	SF	CA	94116 YES to Ethical Investment
Yoel	Silashi	Sierra Madra	CA	91024 YES to Ethical Investment
Cathy	Carpenter	Sioux Lookout		P8T0A7 YES to Ethical Investment of OUR Tax Dollars
Valeria	Anaya	South Pasadena	CA	91030 YES to Ethical Investment
Annika	Buxman	South Pasadena	CA	91030 YES to Ethical Investment
Hannah	Davis	South Pasadena	CA	91030 YES to Ethical Investment
Andrea	Ogaz	South Pasadena	CA	91030 YES to Ethical Investment
Robert	Schaefer	South Pasadena	CA	91030 YES to Ethical Investment
Hannah	Janeway	South Pasadena	CA	91030 YES to Ethical Investment
Sarah	Miller	South Portland	ME	4106 YES to Ethical Investment
Elizabeth	Burr	St. Paul	MN	55105 YES to Ethical Investment
Christopher	Ernst	Sunland	CA	91040 YES to Ethical Investment
Jerome	Palacios Myerson	Sylmar	CA	91342 YES to Ethical Investment
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Victoria	Tamoush	Tustin	CA	92782 YES to Ethical Investment
Natalie	Kandah	Upland	CA	91786 YES to Ethical Investment
Sally	Kandah	Upland	CA	91784 YES to Ethical Investment
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Diana	Ali	ventura	CA	93001 YES to Ethical Investment
Tiffany	Liu	Walnut	CA	91789 Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Louie	Freeman	West Covina	CA	91790 YES to Ethical Investment
Joe	Lavy	West Hollywood	CA	90069 YES to Ethical Investment

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I urge the Council to pass an ethical investment policy that specifically includes divestment from entities complicit in the genocide in Palestine or in any genocide occurring anywhere in the world. I also ask that the FPRS Board divest its holdings from and prohibit future investment in companies complicit in genocide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Council Member,

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Thank you for updating the ethical investment policy to support Pasadena's values and protect human rights.

I would like to ask for the additional consideration of including surveillance manufacturers, equipment and services.

It is always the right time to uphold the dignity of and the protection of human rights. As was extremely evident during the pandemic, we are all connected and what we do in our little corner of the world can have positive ripple effects for people across the globe.

Yadi -

Pasadena, California 91104

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From: Adam Bray-Ali
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 12:53 PM
To: City_Council; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Adam Bray-Ali
Subject: Public comment - Pasadena Investments Agenda Item #20, May 11, 2026

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Good evening,

I am absolutely puzzled by the amount of energy and effort the public is putting into the financial investment decisions made by the city of Pasadena and how they hope to influence policy in other areas using these investments.

The reality is that Pasadena's investments would only be a symbolic measure in any geo-political discussion and the monetary impact is so minuscule that the whole discussion is really about the 'what feels right' aspect of investing public funds.

I suggest following the advice of Warren Buffett and Charlie Munger who advocated for a simple-is-better investing method. This approach eliminates questions about the overall investment strategy, provides clear and understandable pathways for the public to grasp the investments and yields a return that many consider the actual target. These are public funds needed for real expenses.

The percentages may differ for city needs but in short, invest 90% of the funds in a very low cost S&P 500 index and the remaining 10% in short term government bonds.

This is the main quote from the 2013 Shareholder letter:

Nevertheless, both individuals and institutions will constantly be urged to be active by those who profit from giving advice or effecting transactions. The resulting frictional costs can be huge and, for investors in aggregate, devoid of benefit. So ignore the chatter, keep your costs minimal, and invest in stocks as you would in a farm.

My money, I should add, is where my mouth is: What I advise here is essentially identical to certain instructions I've laid out in my will. One bequest provides that cash will be delivered to a trustee for my wife's benefit. (I have to use cash for individual bequests, because *all* of my Berkshire shares will be fully distributed to certain philanthropic organizations over the ten years following the closing of my estate.) My advice to the trustee could not be more simple: Put 10% of the cash in short-term government bonds and 90% in a very low-cost S&P 500 index fund. (I suggest Vanguard's.) I believe the trust's long-term results from this policy will be superior to those attained by most investors – whether pension funds, institutions or individuals – who employ high-fee managers.

Here in Pasadena, we have some exceptional money managers and risk analysts that can likely tell you why this is good or bad but the reality is that asking your council, and future councils, to police the world and judge where city investments are spent is turning into a circus.

I suggest keeping things simple.

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As Charlie (a former student at CalTech) would say: "One of the greatest ways to avoid trouble is to keep it simple."

Sincerely,
Adam Bray-Ali

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From: Emily Schnitger
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 3:15 PM
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Subject: In Support of Ethical Investment

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Hello Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

I am a Pasadena resident, business owner, parent of children at two PUSD schools, member of Pasadena Mennonite church, and participant with Pasadena for Palestine.

I am not an expert in global politics but I don't need to be (nor do you) in order to care about ethical investment. Corporations that profit off of genocide, war, fossil fuels, and private prisons fail to affirm the dignity and humanity of all people, and continue to exploit the land. These are not the values of our city. This is not the legacy I want to leave for my children.

I stand with many other Pasadena community members who care about the financial integrity of our city and ask you to support the ethical investment policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Emily Schnitger, 91104

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Bailey Payne
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 3:40 PM
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Dear Pasadena City Council,

I am a Pasadena resident writing to you to express my support for passing a stricter ethical investment policy that would not allow investments in weapons manufacturing, fossil fuels, and private prison companies. I understand the city itself does not have any investments in these types of companies, but I appreciate the attention to specifically naming these industries, as these do not align with the values of Pasadena.

I would also like to see the FPRS Board adopt an ethical investment policy like this, in which this board has investments in such companies. I understand the board is a separate entity; however, as it is overseen by the city, it only makes sense that it would uphold the values of the city-- creating communities that allow for the flourishing of people and the environments we occupy.

I would also like the city to cite a reason for adopting a stricter ethical investment policy, because we do not want to be involved in the genocide in Palestine. While it is not common for the city to comment on international affairs, when those international affairs could be touched by our tax dollars, it only seems relevant and wise to have intentionality in where our investments end up.

The staff report on ESGs from the Legislative Policy meeting listed a few examples of why people might choose to implement an ESG. Combat climate change was an example. I bring this up to make the point that stating a reason why you choose an ethical investment policy is a normative practice. There is support in Pasadena to cite the genocide and apartheid in Palestine, as evidenced by a petition with 600 signatures collected in Pasadena, weekly presence by constituents at city council meetings for over a year, and letters, emails, and art sent to city council members over the past year.

Additionally, citing the genocide and apartheid in Palestine as a reason to adopt a stricter ethical investment policy falls in line with other statements and actions the City has taken, both recently and historically. Within the past month, Pasadena has made public statements in support of standing with the Armenian population and condemning the Armenian genocide. Historically, Pasadena divested from companies involved in apartheid in South Africa in the 1980s. These are just two examples of the precedent set for how Pasadena speaks out against genocides and uses it's financial power to fight for human dignity and equality.

I look forward to the discussion at the city council meeting tonight and hope that Pasadena will find the courage to lead with love and compassion in a time of so much fear and violence.

All the best,

--

Bailey Payne, MDiv (she/her)
Pasadena, CA Resident

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Jerome Palacios Myerson
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 3:54 PM
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Subject: Support ethical investment!

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Hello City of Pasadena,

I am a frequent shopper in downtown Pasadena and have recently heard there is a push for ethical investment legislation. I highly urge city council to support this meaningful action. During these chaotic times, we need bold leadership that stands for equal justice under the law and not be subservient to corporate interests.

Ps. I am a Jewish American and stand alongside the marginalized voices of my Palestinian brothers and sisters.

Thank you,


Jerome Palacios Myerson
Los Angeles

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From: Brooklyn Kleckley <t
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 4:08 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Strengthening Pasadena's Ethical Investment Policy

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

I am writing to urge you to support the Legislative Policy Committee's recommendation to strengthen Pasadena's ethical investment policy by prohibiting investments in weapons manufacturers, fossil fuel companies, private prisons, and companies involved in surveillance. Our city's investments should reflect Pasadena's stated values of human dignity, environmental responsibility, and protection of vulnerable communities, including immigrants who are disproportionately impacted by surveillance systems.

I also encourage the Council to include language addressing divestment from genocide, specifically acknowledging the ongoing violence and human rights atrocities in Palestine. Pasadena has previously recognized other historical genocides, and our ethical investment policy should be consistent in rejecting investments connected to violence and oppression. As a Pasadena community member, it is important to me that our public funds are invested in ways that align with justice, freedom, and respect for all people and the planet.

Thank you for your time and for considering these important additions to Pasadena's ethical investment policy.

Sincerely,

Brooklyn Kleckley

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Robert Schaefer ·
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 3:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: May 11th Meeting - Ethical Investment Policy

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Hello Council,

My name is Robert Schaefer and I've been a lifelong resident of the Pasadena area and a Pasadena City College graduate. I thank the council for passing the Gaza ceasefire resolution in 2024, and their actions towards ensuring Pasadena is a safe and progressive city for its residents of all races, nationalities, and religions.

I write to encourage city council to adopt a resolution that enacts a more ethical investment policy which divests from weapons companies, oil companies, and the prison industrial complex.

In lieu of the grotesque genocide in Gaza that has murdered hundreds of thousands of Palestinians for the illegal profits of weapons contractors, the criminal war waged against Iran that is risking triggering a global economic depression while oil companies reap billions in windfall profits, and ICE dragnets that ensnare dissidents and immigrants under invasive surveillance and mass incarceration, the need for divestment from these companies has never been more urgent than now.

This step as necessary as it is bold, is long overdue and taking decisive action will be undeniably in-step with the course of history that follows the long arc of justice. Adopting this ethical investment policy will ensure that Pasadena residents will enjoy safety, tolerance, and progress in a city that prides itself on those very same values.

Thank you once again council for all of the work that you do to make this community we cherish prosper!

-Robert Schaefer

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From:
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2026 9:36 PM
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Subject: Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena

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Council Member,

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to support the recommendation from the Legislative Policy Committee to update the ethical investment policy to include prohibitions on investments in weapons manufacturers, fossil fuel companies, and private prisons and to call on the FPRS Board to consider a similar policy.

Additionally, please add to the list of prohibitions, exclusion of companies involved in surveillance. Our investment policy should align with Pasadena's stated commitment to protecting our immigrant neighbors by prohibiting investments in companies engaged in mass surveillance, a major part of the machinery that allows the government to target, surveil and kidnap them.

I also hope you will include language about divestment from genocide, specifically naming the genocide in Palestine that our tax dollars are currently funding. Just as Pasadena has acknowledged the Armenian genocide, so should the council acknowledge the human rights atrocities that our government has funded and supported. I don't see how genocide and ethical investment could ever be compatible.

As a Pasadena community member, it is very important to me that our tax dollars are spent in alignment with our values as a community. How we spend our money is a direct reflection of our values, and I want to see our spending promote human dignity, freedom, and respect for the planet and all of its people.

Thank you for taking this important step to more fully articulate a citywide ethical investment policy so that Pasadena can truly have an ethical investment policy that reflects the values of our city and its people.

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Kathryn Kroger	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
basilenow	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Laura Hamilton	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Mary Fitzgerald	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Rosemary Hyde	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Samar Ghannoum	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Alex Polish	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
RONALD STAGE	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Parker Carnahan	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Rev Rosa Candida Ramirez	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Nicole Pano	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Arianna Harrison	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Jen Louie	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Rishi Patel	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Mario Hazboun	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Tiffany Liu	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Cicely Bingener	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Elizabeth Supple	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Donald Miller	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Sabith Khan	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Lorna Miller	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Ann Jopling	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Danielle Upton	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Moonsung Kang	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
steve.rosin	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
David Joyce	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
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virginia Fawcett	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Areta Crowell	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
molau	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
SUSAN HOUSER	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Leslie Yick	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Mouna Stewart	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
jennvaughan	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
John Hyde	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Diane Becerra	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Rachel Darling	Item 20 - May 11th Meeting - Please Vote for Ethical Investment
Maryam A	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Edward Lothrop	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Sarah Hayden	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Nadia Suryawinata	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Boualem Bouseloub	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
carolyn park	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena

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sethmorrison	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Lenore Dowling	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Harrison White	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Maddie Gavel Briggs	My Ask of You, City Leaders, for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Jamila Seede	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Simona Miller	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
nick.rabb	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Joan Harper	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Darrel Meyers	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Randall Heyn-Lamb	Ethical Investing - YES
Edward Stepanian	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Donna Sider	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Bonnie Blustein	For a stronger and more inclusive ethical investment policy
thecapn	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
jstock	I URGE YOU: PLEASE Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
marygillie	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
pamir71	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Kristie Lutz	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Hannah Demir	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Amy Aviles	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Nasser Karam	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
patricia_gracian	I urge you to Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Dorcas Tokes	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Karrie Oswald	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
kbartolo	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Rolf Mauermann	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Jim Jedeikin	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
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Francine Madera	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
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Amber Pennington	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
Mirja Wine	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
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Estee Chandler	Vote for Ethical Investment for Pasadena
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Subject: FW: Reject BDS: A Threat to Our Community's Harmony

cc:
President Trump
Vice President Vance
Secretary of State Rubio
Attorney General Pam Bondi
Senior Counsel to the Assist. Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Leo Terrell Christians United for Israel Press

Governor Newsom
CA State Assembly/House
CA State Legislature/Senate
U.S. Representative Judy Chu
U.S. Senator Padilla
U.S. Senator Schiff

Honorable Mayor Gordo and City Council of Pasadena,

PURPOSE OF OUR LETTER

We are your constituents and deeply concerned Americans who, like you, care profoundly about our beloved city and country.

Sadly, our city now finds itself at the forefront of a runaway train.

We are writing to bring your attention to the calculated manipulation and coordinated propaganda campaign behind the pressure for a proposed (direct or indirect) reference to BDS or Israel on any proposed Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) resolution or any other City policy. These tactics falsely accuse Israel of genocide.

If applied consistently and universally, it would demand sanctions against numerous governments and armed groups responsible for well documented atrocities.

Yet, its laser focus on Israel reveals its true hand - selective enforcement disguised as morality to isolate Israel, a staunch democratic ally.

We ask you to read this letter, reject terrorist ideology, refuse to give this resolution any oxygen, and vote for our democracy instead.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED....

Is a 'social justice' movement legitimate if...?

- 1) It pays 'protesters' using funds linked to U.S. designated terrorist groups? [1-3]
- 2) Its followers harass, intimidate, vandalize, are violent, and even murder fellow Americans? [4]
- 3) It shuts down civil discourse and intimidates people who dare to disagree? [5]
- 4) It demands civil rights protections for itself but violates the civil rights of fellow Americans - including a protected minority? [6]
- 5) It rebrands a terrorist attack as 'resistance'? [7]

- 6) It ONLY condemns one country, and is silent while its compatriots in different countries are doing ACTUAL atrocities (e.g., slaughter of protesters in Iran; slaughter, rape, and enslavement of Black Christians in Nigeria and Sudan; lack of gender equality in many Muslim majority countries)? [8-12]
- 7) It calls for anti-Black racism in America while perpetuating Black racism in many Muslim majority countries (e.g., Libya, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Somalia, Sudan, UAE) ? [13-20]
- 8) It uses silence or rebranding to justify rape against Jewish women? [21]
- 9) It uses coalitions with civil rights groups (e.g., Black Rights, Communists, Feminists, LGBTQ+ Community) that it vehemently disagrees with to broadcast its ideology and then abandon in the future? [22-23]
- 10) It calls for the discrimination, exclusion, and intimidation of fellow university students? [24]
- 11) It bullies city councils and boards to vote on isolating a democratic ally that protected and rescued its citizens after experiencing a terrorist attack and simultaneous attacks on seven fronts against its diverse citizens on its 3,000-year-old indigenous land? [25-26]
- 12) It demands that Americans abandon their moral reasoning - the bedrock of democratic values? [27]

Additionally, have you ever asked yourself....?

How could thousands of students in 520 American universities, a day after 10/7/23, all chant the exact same chants, repeat the same libelous accusations on and off-line, hold the same banners, and use identical strategies for campus take overs? [28]

AHA MOMENT

Have you figured it out? This is not 'social justice.' It is an authoritarian movement dressed in sheep's clothing.

It is the fruit of a Master Plan, entitled The Memorandum (1991), comprehensively designed by the notorious Muslim Brotherhood (MB) (a designated terrorist organization in Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE; and in the U.S. - Lebanese, Jordanian, Egyptian branches). Upon translation, the FBI discovered a shockingly sophisticated plan for a "civilizational jihad" to take-over the United States and destroy it from within [29-30].

The document states:

"The Ikhwan [The Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within and sabotaging its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated, and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions" [31].

Rather than using overt violence, the MB uses sophisticated strategies to embed multi-layered extremist Islamist ideology in the U.S. - keeping peaceful Muslims, and all diverse people who speak against this ideology, silent with reputational and financial intimidation, vandalism, and violence [32].

FOUR LAYERS OF ENTRYISM IN THE USA

The Memorandum meticulously outlines four major strategies that weaponize our democratic freedoms (e.g., free speech, civil rights, lawfare, etc.) to embed an intolerant ideology with the aim of destroying our democracy.

1) **POLICY IMPACT:** Islamists achieve consultative government positions to obstruct our country's response to counterterrorism and shift foreign policy. In a wiretap, the FBI discovered that CAIR is a front for the MB - Hamas - in the U.S. Post September 11th, CAIR has played a strategic role in removing counter-terrorism training about Islamist extremism in Department of Homeland Security manuals [33-34].

2) **LEGAL FRAMEWORK MANIPULATION:** Islamists turn debate about their ideology and violent behavior into claims of discrimination to protect their totalitarian agenda [35].

3) INSTITUTIONAL INFILTRATION: Islamists build networks of schools, charities, Islamic chairs, campus and off-campus organizations to transmit their ideology under the radar of those unaware it is propaganda meant to destroy the host democracy. The Muslim Students Association (MSA) is in 600 U.S. colleges, there are 300 Islamic Centers in 42 U.S. states, and U.S. professors, such as Cornell's Russell Rickford, call the Hamas terrorist attack "exhilarating" [36-37].

4) NARRATIVE CONTROL: Islamists influence media, education, and academia, using financial investments and media partnerships to promote MB ideology and spokespersons. Qatar, a state sponsor of terrorism, has spent over \$100 billion across U.S. Congress, lobbyists, colleges, PR firms, corporations, and media [38-39].

BDS: MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD'S SECRET WEAPON

BDS, and related methods falsely accusing Israel, are an essential part of the MB's "civilizational jihad"[40].

Like other totalitarian movements, the MB needs a rallying cry, so it wraps its intolerant ideology in 'social justice' language to create messaging palpable to Western ears. By rallying against Israel, the MB pretends to sell Americans 'social justice' but in reality, it fools Americans into amplifying its violent extremism and warped moral code [41]. Yes, the MB wants to eradicate Israel, but its ultimate goal - is to take down the USA - the seat of DEMOCRACY in the world and replace it with extreme, intolerant Islamism via "civilizational jihad" [42].

BDS: INFRASTRUCTURE TO AMPLIFY TERRORIST IDEOLOGY

The goal of BDS campaigns is not merely to pressure cities to adopt terrorist ideology that ultimately tries to shape U.S. foreign policy.

The true power of BDS lies in its role as a permanent, embedded organizational infrastructure across America -- one that can be rapidly mobilized against American cities during future global crises to fool and pressure the public into aligning with MB terrorist ideology [43].

Our city's decision regarding this proposed discriminatory BDS is a test case for how deeply we allow or block this infrastructure from taking root. Choose wisely.

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD ALIGNED GROUPS

It is essential to carefully look at the groups that are pushing for this proposed resolution in our city. The Memorandum lists 29 initial groups embedded in the USA that are carriers of the MB totalitarian ideology (see reference # 44). Moreover, the Memorandum mentions the importance of building alliances with groups (e.g., Black rights, Communists, Feminists, LGBTQ+, etc.) whom the MB vehemently disagrees with and will abandon in the future - but intentionally uses to broadcast MB's terror messaging [45].

BDS: FALLING INTO THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD'S TRAP - A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL HARMONY

Even entertaining a BDS resolution in the hallowed halls of our city government plays right into the MB's hands - threatening our laws and the security of our communities.

The U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause grants only Congress the power over foreign policy and sanctions - not cities. This proposed resolution risks unconstitutional overreach and undermines the rule of law [46-47].

Moreover, there is a direct correlation between divestment campaigns such as this and the increase of discrimination, harassment, and violence against Jewish citizens [48-49].

After the Pasadena Jewish Temple was vandalized with antisemitic graffiti, and antisemitic hate crimes in California have jumped by 57% compared to pre-10/7 incident numbers, why would your governing body risk the liability of generating more antisemitism and potential violence against our Jewish community members? [50-51]

Why would you entertain BDS that ultimately violates our Constitution, threatens the civil rights of our children and neighbors, and rips away at the peaceful fabric of our society?

FALSE ACCUSATION

It is ludicrous to have a resolution falsely accusing Israel of genocide.

As in previous wars that Hamas has started, Hamas leaders finally admitted that they lied about numbers of civilian casualties, and that 72% of casualty numbers were male terrorists [52-53].

Other reports, however, show that 86% of casualty numbers were male terrorists [54-56].
There was NO genocide here.

CONCLUSION

Now you are on record for learning about the Islamist game plan. The MB's original document is a must-read [57-58].

Will you dare wade into international waters or wisely focus on your defined role in city governance?

This proposal to reference BDS or Israel in an ESG resolution or any City policy falsely accuses a democracy, is discriminatory, and does not promote justice - it institutionalizes selective outrage.

It replaces universal principles with a totalitarian ideology that values intolerance and violence - opposing the democratic principles of our city and country.

This proposed (direct or indirect) reference to BDS and/or Israel risks repeating history's most familiar error: mistaking moral language for moral action.

We urge you to indefinitely REJECT the proposed libelous resolution.

Our city and our genuine commitment to human rights demand better.

"We are Westerners fighting for the total eradication of Western civilization."
~ Students for Justice in Palestine [59]

References:

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J Leibovitch	Vote NO on BDS: Defend Our City's Values
Karen	Vote NO on BDS: Preserve Our Community's Values
carol deppen	Reject BDS: A Call for Responsible Leadership
Suzanne Marcus	Say No to BDS: A Stand for Justice and Democracy
Irbaruch	Say No to BDS: A Stand for Justice and Democracy
Jim Rigg	Vote NO on BDS: Protect Our Community's Integrity
Onir Spiegel	Preserve Our Integrity: Reject BDS in Policies
Hollie Roizman	Vote NO on BDS: A Call for Responsible Governance
Tamar Kelman	Protect Our Community: Reject BDS Initiatives
Damien Jinks	Stand Against BDS: Protect Our City's Future
Adeeva Pomeranz	Reject BDS: Protect Our City from Extremism
Jonathan Hulkower	Important: Vote No on BDS in City Resolutions
Kerry Greene	Vote Against BDS: A Stand for Justice and Democracy
Jodi Berkowitz	Vote NO on BDS: Preserve Our Community's Values
Alan Berlinberg	Oppose BDS: Protect Our Community from Division
Howard Pitch	Say No to BDS: Uphold Our Commitment to Democracy
patricia kahloun	Vote NO on BDS: Defend Our City's Reputation
Marla Traub	Vote Against BDS: A Stand for Our Community
Miriam Wenger	Reject BDS: A Call for Responsible Leadership
Deborah Levinger	Reject BDS: A Threat to Our Community's Harmony
Elaine Grover	Important Decision: Reject BDS in City Policies
Josh R	Reject BDS: A Call for Responsible Leadership
larsonman	Vote NO on BDS: Protect Our Community's Integrity
larsonman	Vote Against BDS: Uphold Democratic Values
Ellen Weisman	Vote NO on BDS: Defend Our City's Reputation
amy144	Stand Firm: Say No to BDS in City Policies
Heather	Stand Against BDS: Protect Our Community's Rights
Jenny Wilson	Vote NO on BDS: A Call for Responsible Governance
Robert Azar	Vote NO on BDS: A Call for Responsible Governance
sweetgalit	Please Shut down divisive and hateful BDS bigotry: Protect what makes Pasadena a welcoming community
abcd6598	Stand Firm: Say No to BDS in City Policies
Leon Sutton	Vote NO on BDS: Preserve Our Community's Values
A A	Jew Hate brain rot is taking over Pasadena
Nancy Rachilewski	Stand Against BDS: Protect Our Community's Rights
Nina Smolyar	Vote Against BDS: A Stand for Our Values
Todd	Say No to BDS: Protect Our Community from Extremism
jocelyn schaille	Uphold Our Principles: Say No to BDS References
Sari Fainburg	Vote Against BDS!!!: Uphold Democratic Values
Blu Greenberg	Vote NO: BDS is Not a Path to Justice
Ruth Felsen	Reject BDS
Nicole Maizes	Vote Against BDS: Uphold Democratic Values
Peggy Cottrell	Vote NO on BDS: Preserve Our Community's Values
T G	Reject BDS: A Call for Responsible Governance
flora hoffman	Vote NO on BDS: Uphold Our Commitment to Democracy
Aliza Schreier	Stand Against BDS: Protect Our Community's Rights
Rebecca Spirn	Defend Our City: Vote Against BDS References
Rebecca Spirn	Vote NO on BDS: Preserve Our Community's Values
Lilli Friedland	Protect Democracy- Reject BDS Initiatives
D A	Vote NO on BDS: A Call for Responsible Governance
Temima Karlin	Vote NO: BDS Has No Place in Our Governance
Naomi Gross	Defend Our Democracy: Say No to BDS References
Aaron Kohn	Important: Vote No on BDS in City Resolutions

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Rachel Leopold	Reject BDS: Protect Our City from Division
shko nava	Defend Our City: Oppose BDS in Any Resolution
Shaun Daneshgar	Reject BDS: A Threat to Our Community's Harmony
Michael Schleider	Call to Action: Reject BDS in Local Governance
Lacey Levitt	Please Vote NO on BDS
Angela Goldman	Defend Our City: Oppose BDS in ESG Policies
Chuck Rosenzweig	Vote NO on BDS: Protect Our Community's Values
smbulow	Uphold Our Principles: Say No to BDS References
Fawn Rich	Defend Our City: Oppose BDS in ESG Resolutions!!!
LUISA KUREK-LENOBLE	Preserve Our Values: Say No to BDS in Governance
Inessa Gmail	Vote Against BDS: Safeguard Our City's Values
Anna Stepanenko	Vote NO on BDS: Preserve Our Community's Values
Shahar Erez	Stop BDS: Keep Pasadena a Hate-Free City
Bea Rwz	Vote NO: BDS is Not a Trajectory to Justice
Zachary Berman	Safeguard Our Values: Reject BDS in City Policies
Roza Mattlin	Vote NO on BDS: A Call for Responsible Governance
Dmitriy Goldgisser	Stand Up for Justice: Reject BDS in City Policies
Linda Leviel	Stand Against BDS: Protect Our City's Future
barbara klaus	Take a Stand: Vote Against BDS in ESG Resolutions
Margaret Sapir	Vote Against BDS: A Stand for Justice and Democracy
Liora Yehushua	Stand Up for Justice: Reject BDS in City Policies
Melissa Levine	Vote Against BDS: A Stand for Our Community
Wendy heipt	Oppose BDS!!!
Tikva Carrick	Stand Firm: Say No to BDS in City Resolutions
Hal	Stand Against BDS: Protect Our Community's Rights
Jodi Cohen	STOP THE JEW HATE IN PASADENA: Reject BDS in City Policies
Michelle Ganeles	Vote NO on BDS: Defend Our City's Values
ilanit oknin	Stand Against BDS: Uphold Our Constitutional Rights
GE	Reject BDS: Protect Our City's Integrity
Marina Kloyzner	Oppose BDS: Protect Our Community from Division
Liza Russ	Protect Our Democracy: Reject BDS Initiatives at Pasadena
Magen David	Vote NO: BDS is a Threat to Our Community as a whole.
Aviva Silberberg	Reject BDS: A Call for Unity and Justice
Frima Ackerhalt	Protect Our Community: Reject BDS Initiatives
Frima Ackerhalt	Say No to BDS: Uphold Our City's Reputation
Miriam Berman	Vote NO: BDS is Not a Path to Justice

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Council Member,

I am writing to urge you to support and expand the ethical investment resolution scheduled to come before council on May 11th. As a Pasadena community member, it is very important to me that our tax dollars are spent in alignment with our values as a community. How we spend our money is a direct reflection of our values, and I want to see our spending promote human dignity, freedom, and respect for the planet and all of its people.

I wholeheartedly support the council's decision to prohibit investments in weapons manufacturers, fossil fuel companies and private prisons. And I urge you to go beyond this language, and to align the resolution with Pasadena's stated commitment to protecting our immigrant neighbors by prohibiting investments in companies engaged in mass surveillance. If we are divesting from the private prisons incarcerating our immigrant community members, we should be divesting from the machinery that allows the government to target, surveil and kidnap them. I also hope you will include language about divestment from genocide, specifically naming the genocide in Palestine that our tax dollars are currently funding. Just as Pasadena has acknowledged the Armenian genocide, so should the council acknowledge the human rights atrocities that our government has funded and supported. I don't see how genocide and ethical investment could ever be compatible.

I applaud you for taking this important step to more fully articulate a citywide ethical investment policy. I hope you will take the draft resolution from the Legislative Policy committee and expand on its important premise so that Pasadena can truly have an ethical investment policy that reflects the values of this community I treasure.

<u>From: (Name)</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Aaron Palmer	YES to Ethical Investment
Jerome Palacios Myerson	YES to Ethical Investment
Imad Daoud	YES to Ethical Investment
Ethne Dennis	YES to Ethical Investment
Juan Guevara	YES to Ethical Investment
Marina Lecoeuche	YES to Ethical Investment
Karen Beavers	YES to Ethical Investment
Esther Gomez	YES to Ethical Investment
Brian Biery	Please Vote YES on Ethical Investment Policy Amendment 5/11/26
Vivian Botero	YES to Ethical Investment
Chelly Mendez	YES to Ethical Investment
DAVID BAER	YES to Ethical Investment
Denise Larsen	YES to Ethical Investment
Alex Dobbs	YES to Ethical Investment
Reo Glancey	YES to Ethical Investment
Kenichi Yoshida	URGENT: YES to Ethical Investment
Dylan Bannon	YES to Ethical Investment
Melissa Hofstetter	YES to Ethical Investment
Andy Carazo	YES to Ethical Investment
Holly Hight	YES to Ethical Investment
Nora Lester Murad	The whole country is watching Pasadena - say YES to Ethical Investment!
Cheri HERRBOLDT	YES to Ethical Investment
Olivia McGinley	YES to Ethical Investment
Dan Martin	YES to Ethical Investment
Anne Nolty	Resounding YES to Ethical Investment
Bianca Richter	YES to Ethical Investment
David Abramovitch	YES to Ethical Investment
Lauren Murtidjaja	YES to Ethical Investment
John Eicher	YES to Ethical Investment
Lisa Claypool	YES to Ethical Investment
Cynthia Cannady	YES to Ethical Investment
T Rutherford	YES to Ethical Investment
Jackeline Maldonado	YES to Ethical Investment
Leila Giries	YES to Ethical Investment
Lillian Bitar	YES to Ethical Investment
Edward Fisher	YES to Ethical Investment
Marianne Carter	YES to Ethical Investment
Una Jost	YES to Ethical Investment
Rocio Kang	YES to Ethical Investment
Ruba Alami	YES to Ethical Investment
Victoria Tamoush	YES to Ethical Investment
Claire Phillips	YES to Ethical Investment
Ryan Upton	YES to Ethical Investment

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Jade Shariff	YES to Ethical Investment
Ted von der Ahe	YES to Ethical Investment
Maha Shariff	YES to Ethical Investment
Tariq Afzal	YES to Ethical Investment
Zara Malik	YES to Ethical Investment
David Sosa	YES to Ethical Investment
Gina Mangiaracina	YES to Ethical Investment
Elly Levy	YES to Ethical Investment
Britain McWhorter	YES to Ethical Investment
Anthony Manousos	YES to Ethical Investment
thorayya said giovannelli	YES to Ethical Investment
Susanna Hostetter	YES to Ethical Investment
Hasan Seede	YES to Ethical Investment
Ydoya Wannano	YES to Ethical Investment
David Bailey	YES to Ethical Investment
Zara Hambartsounian	YES to Ethical Investment
Sarah Cihak	YES to Ethical Investment
Ibrahim al-Jaylat	YES to Ethical Investment
Jacqueline Kandalajt	YES to Ethical Investment
Humanity Morality	Yes to Ethical investment
Teri Stein	Aligning money and values: please vote YES on ethical investment

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I am writing to urge the Council not to include any reference to BDS or to Israel—directly or indirectly—in any proposed ESG resolution or other City policy.

Municipal policy should remain focused on matters directly affecting the residents and governance of Pasadena. Singling out the world's one Jewish state for sanction or condemnation has no meaningful connection to the City's responsibilities and unnecessarily imports divisive international political disputes into our community.

Any action to promote BDS, directly or indirectly, would also send a troubling signal to members of Pasadena's Jewish community and beyond. Policies that single out Israel will be understood as marginalizing and alienating Pasadena Jewish residents whose identity and heritage are often closely connected to Israel.

Moreover, normalizing anti-Israel rhetoric and sentiments through municipal policy risks contributing to the broader climate where antisemitic rhetoric and even violence have skyrocketed.

I respectfully urge the Council to state clearly on the record that it will not consider adopting any BDS resolution or policy—directly or indirectly—and that Pasadena will not single out any specific country in the world for sanction through City policy.

Thank you for your attention and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

From: (Name)	Subject
Janice N Robertson	No to BDS! (May 11, 2026, meeting)
Shoshana Rosenbaum	No to BDS! (May 11, 2026, meeting)
Michele Prince	No to BDS! re: May 11, 2026, meeting
Stacie Sulak	No to BDS on May 11
ed meyers	No to BDS! (May 11, 2026, meeting)
Eri Cohen	No to BDS
cityclerk	FW: No to hatred and libels towards the Jewish State (aka "BDS Palestinian Movement") (May 11, 2026, meeting)
Karen Eliahu	Opposition to Inclusion of BDS and Israel-Specific Language in Any ESG Resolution
Ilana Segall	Tonight's meeting: NO to BDS