

Communication from Public

Name: Aryeh

Date Submitted: 11/01/2022 08:01 AM

Council File No: 22-1241

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of the Jewish community. I am greatly disturbed by the recent antisemitic incidents and am grateful for the resolution that passed on Thursday condemning antisemitism. At the same time, I am opposed to the resolution that will be before the Council on Tuesday to adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism. This resolution would advance a partisan and controversial definition of antisemitism that can stifle legitimate criticism. The resolution would cause painful division within the Jewish community in a difficult time. At this minute when the city is attempting to come together and show solidarity after the racist revelations and antisemitic actions of past weeks, this is the wrong action at the wrong time.

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Name: Aude

Date Submitted: 11/01/2022 01:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass 22-1241 as written. Every minority group should have the right to define what hatred against them is and be the leading voice in the conversation. That is not too much to ask for. The right to define antisemitism lies solely with the majority of the Jewish people. I urge Los Angeles City Council to vote yes and adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism. With appreciation, Aude Ranoux

Communication from Public

Name: Michael O'Neil

Date Submitted: 11/01/2022 05:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Having seen firsthand on several occasions (I have spent a total of approx 7 months in Palestine in the last 12 years) the brutal treatment of Palestinians by Israel - and recognizing Israel's obvious plans to continue to steal Palestinian lands and slowly ethnically cleanse those stolen territories - I am driven to ask you to please not accept that criticism of Israel is antisemitism. This is a ridiculous concept propagated by Israeli zionists as a way to protect their apartheid behavior from criticism. You are being manipulated by these violators of international law if you allow their proposal to be adopted. Please reject it out of hand. It belongs in the dustbin of history, not as an accepted concept in a progressive city. Thank you. Michael O'Neil

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Name: Michal David

Date Submitted: 11/01/2022 12:23 AM

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Name: Patricia Margulies

Date Submitted: 11/01/2022 08:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am Jewish .. I have been since the 1400s (I can prove it), and I am sure far earlier than that, on both sides of my parentage. I believe in Israel and want it to exist. I also believe in a State for Palestine and I want it to be humane and helpful for the Palestinians. IN NO WORLD is stating the obvious about Israel's actions against the Palestinians the wrong thing to do; it is the RIGHT thing to do. It is the humane, civilized thing to do. I AM PROUD to be Jewish. I am proud of the opportunity for Israel to become the State they promised to be in 1947, but I definitely have a right to criticize Israel for NOT living up to its own commitments. I am Jewish, I am NOT anti-semitic for calling out Israel, AND ANY OTHER COUNTRY, when it does not act properly toward its citizens or its neighbors. Forget about Trump and Mrs. Mastrioni ... I AM a 'good Jew' and I know Judaism's tenets far better than the evangelical rightwing maniacs that have infected our politics. STAY away from this ... do not conflate my commitment to a better Israel to the right wing's interpretation of our current world.

Communication from Public

Name: David N. Myers
Date Submitted: 11/01/2022 08:27 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers, We understand that the L.A. City Council will be considering a resolution to condemn antisemitism that relies on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition (IHRA). We are scholars of Jewish studies whose professional lives are devoted to understanding the history and culture of Jews, as well as the long and tragic story of antisemitism. We are alarmed by the ongoing rise in antisemitic expression in this country, and especially by the reaction by hate-filled white nationalists to the latest antisemitic rantings of Kanye West. We applaud your efforts to call out antisemitism wherever and whenever it rears its head. That said, we think that now is not the time to introduce the IHRA definition into a Council resolution. The non-binding IHRA definition that is referenced in the Council resolution is, itself, acceptable. But it is important to point out that this definition relies on a list of “contemporary examples” that the IHRA uses to illustrate the phenomenon. A number of these examples blur, in our view, the boundary between hatred of Jews and legitimate criticism of Israeli government policy. We believe that now is not the time to complicate a simple and clear resolution condemning antisemitism with a partisan and controversial formulation. We strongly encourage you to proceed with a resolution condemning antisemitism but without the IHRA definition, which will needlessly dilute the impact of the resolution. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Prof. Sarah Benor (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion) Prof. Aryeh Cohen (American Jewish University) Prof. Wolf Gruner (USC) Prof. Jessica Marglin (USC) Prof. David N. Myers (UCLA) Prof. Ethan Pack (UCLA) Prof. Dov Waxman (UCLA)