

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Grossberg

Date Submitted: 07/02/2024 06:33 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed resolution should be voted down for several simple and clear reasons. 1 - City Council has no authority regarding foreign policy. How dare you intrude in another country's political issues! 2 - There has been a long chain of ceasefires, which were hailed by Hamas as victories, having breached the previous ceasefire. There are known to not be reliable-EVER. 3 - The attackers predicate their arguments on the idea that Israel is illegitimate - but the October 7 attacks took place within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN partition plan - UN Resolution 181 in 1947. They come in and commit atrocities on civilians!!! Hostages are still being held. And you want Israel to back down. Please take care of your own.

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Name: Terry Naiman

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Comments for Public Posting: Protect Jewish people! Do not allow LA to become Berlin in 1939! The police inactivity when the Adas was attacked is unacceptable!

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Name: I rather stay anonymous due to rising hate crimes against Jews

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Comments for Public Posting: Council should vote for Israel to completely and utterly destroy Hamas. Don't take the side of terrorists!

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Comments for Public Posting: I feel that the proposed resolution about the war in Gaza is should be voted down for several simple and clear reasons. 1 - City Council has no authority regarding foreign policy. 2 - there has been a long chain of ceasefires, which were hailed by Hamas as victories, having breached the previous ceasefire. 3 - there is no rational way to explain how the problem can be solved by another ceasefire, when every previous ceasefire failed due to Hamas violations. 4 - the attackers predicate their arguments on the idea that Israel is illegitimate - but the October 7 attacks took place within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN partition plan - UN Resolution 181 in 1947 Israel is a sovereign state and is being attacked by her neighbors for simply existing. Any country that is based on the concept of democracy should not be advocating for the destruction of another democracy. That is evil. Please consider the consequences of your resolution for all sovereign nations. If this can be done to Israel, which country will be next?

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Communication from Public

Name: Shonna tropper

Date Submitted: 07/02/2024 03:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing you on behalf of me and my family and my community that we do not feel safe in Los Angeles after what happened last week and we continue to have crimes against us for our religious belief. As Jews who have been persecuted for many generations we thought we would be safe in LA. Please provide safety for the Jewish community because we feel very unsafe in west LA and th valley. Thank you Shonney tropper