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## Fwd: Vote NO on ceasefire and NO on related resolutions: Keep our city safe!

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Office of the City Clerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 8:37 AM

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

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From: **Rich Dweck** <clearrichard@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 8:32 AM

Subject: Vote NO on ceasefire and NO on related resolutions: Keep our city safe!

To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>

cc:

Christians United for Israel

Press

State House and Senate Representatives

U.S. Representative

U.S. Senators

Dear City Council Members,

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Sadly, City Council members have allowed themselves to be pulled into a discussion about these resolutions, which is part of Hamas' global PR campaign to cover up their double war crimes against Israelis and Palestinians. Make no mistake about it - any participation in Hamas' PR campaign emboldens them to commit further atrocities against our only democratic ally in the Middle East, Palestinians, and increased violence against Jewish people in the world, and in U.S. cities [1-3]. Considering you have no authority regarding foreign policy, have you considered that voting on these resolutions might be misguided? Your job as a city council member would be much better served making sure your Jewish constituents are kept safe, given the rampant antisemitism by pro-Hamas support groups (e.g., AMP, CAIR, JVP, SJP, WOL) afflicting cities [4-8].

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As an arm of the notorious Muslim Brotherhood [15], Hamas is a barbaric terrorist organization that has taken innocent hostages (Americans, Israelis, and Foreign Nationals) and boasts of hiding among Palestinian civilians to increase casualties as a PR strategy to try and delegitimize Israel [16]. Numerous U.S. military experts have stated that Israel's record of protecting civilians in warfare exceeds that of any other military in the world [17-19]. According to international law and ethics, Israeli and Palestinian deaths fall squarely on Hamas' shoulders. The only way for this war to end is for Hamas to surrender and return the hostages.

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2024 07:36:00 -0800  
Subject: Fwd: Vote NO on ceasefire and NO on related resolutions: Keep our city safe!

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From: **Sheila Meyer** <[atimefordance@gmail.com](mailto:atimefordance@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 12:01 AM  
Subject: Vote NO on ceasefire and NO on related resolutions: Keep our city safe!  
To: <[CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org)>

cc:  
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Press  
State House and Senate Representatives  
U.S. Representative  
U.S. Senators

Dear City Council Members,

Kindly try to focus on your own city issues that you were voted in for instead of pretending to know what's going on in the middle East. This is not like people in Texas making decisions for people in Kentucky. You have no clue what you are talking about.

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Cc:

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2024 07:36:09 -0800

Subject: Fwd: Protect our community! VOTE NO on ceasefire resolution, BDS, etc. / Protect our community from terrorist

propaganda and violence

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From: 'Deborah Donde' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 5:36 AM

Subject: Protect our community! VOTE NO on ceasefire resolution, BDS, etc. / Protect our community from terrorist propaganda and violence

To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>

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Press

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Honorable City Council Members,

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Please read this document in its entirety.

The defined role of your council is to value and protect your city and not engage in international affairs.

Have you wondered why this is the only issue that ignites such passion when numerous other global crises demand attention? Are you addressing the following humanitarian disasters with the same urgency?

(1) Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar (2017-Present): Myanmar Buddhist military massacred, raped and displaced over 700,000 Rohingya Muslims. [1].

(2) Uyghur Detention Camps in China (Ongoing): China has put 1 million Muslim Uyghurs in mass detention camps where they are subject to forced labor and sterilization [2].

(3) Yemini Civil War (Ongoing): Muslim civil war. More than four million displaced. Attacks on civilians, hunger, disease. [3].

(4) Syrian Civil War (Ongoing): Muslim civil war. Widespread atrocities, chemical attacks on civilians; shooting protesters. 470,000 dead, 1 million injured; 13.1 million need humanitarian aid [4].

(5) Sudanese enslavement (Ongoing): Arab Muslims have slaughtered 2.5 million black Sudanese Christians and enslaved 200,000. Jihadists have kidnapped many black Christian girls [5].

(6) Gender apartheid: Hundreds of millions of women in Muslim countries are second class citizens subject to beatings, sexual violence, honor killings, and genital mutilation [6].

These crises describe the offensive targeting of innocents perpetrated by Buddhists, the Chinese, and Muslims. In response to these crises, it would be absurd to justify harassment, segregation, and violence towards Buddhist, Chinese, or Muslim Americans on U.S. campuses, K-12 schools, social media, restaurants, subways, and streets.

Unlike the abovementioned crises, the Israel-Hamas conflict is a DEFENSIVE war that Hamas thrust on the democratic country of Israel on October 7th – targeting and murdering 1,200 civilians and taking hundreds of hostages (American, Israeli, and Foreign Nationals) after firing over 30,000 rockets into Israel for decades [7].

Notably, this was after Israel moved out of Gaza in 2005 – as one of its numerous gestures of peace that have been rejected and met with increased violence [8].

The innocent lives lost in this war is tragic. However, under International Law and ethics, Israel has a duty and right to protect its civilians from these attacks by defeating Hamas and rescuing the hostages [9].

Hamas ADMITS to burrowing itself within the civilian Palestinian population to increase civilian deaths in order to create world protests and delegitimize Israel [10].

However, according to International Law and ethics the responsibility for ALL lives lost falls squarely on Hamas' shoulders. Does this council realize that when America fights against terrorists, they accidentally kill 4 to 60 civilians per terrorist eliminated? Israel's ratio is 1:1. While all innocent deaths are a tragedy, Israel's commitment to fighting ethically outshines every military in the world [11].

These ceasefire resolutions, BDS campaigns, fervor to interfere with Israel bonds, military aid to Israel, and pressure to drop the charges against those arrested in the illegal encampments, are part of a global agenda – to delegitimize and destroy the one Jewish State and justify harassment, segregation, and violence towards Jews on U.S. campuses, subway cars, restaurants, and the world [12-15].

Just listen to the chants: "From the river to the sea;" "We don't want a two-state;" "Long live October 7th;" "October 7th again;" "Long live the intifada!"

In fact, Article 7 of the Hamas Charter states: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out, 'O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him'" [16].

This hate has no boundaries. If you think they stop at targeting Jews, listen carefully to the rest of their chants like, "Death to America!" [17]

## THE GREAT MISCONCEPTION

It is a misconception that the Nazis were solely responsible for the murder of six million Jews. The Nazis had collaborators – willing executioners - men and women in communities, towns, cities, and across all of Europe who believed the propaganda and justified slaughtering their neighbors. [18-19].

Like them, you are being given a grave responsibility to choose noisy hate and lies or clear truth and morality.

If you want this war to end, vote NO on an Israeli ceasefire, NO to BDS, NO to divesting from Israel bonds, NO on withholding military aid to Israel, and NO to dropping charges against those arrested in the illegal, discriminatory encampments. These resolutions will allow Hamas to retrench and re-strengthen. Instead, call for Hamas to surrender and release all the hostages.

By keeping yourself and your council on the right side of history, your Creator and humanity will judge you as a hero.

Sincerely,

"Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it" – George Santayana.

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