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

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From: **Alisa Eilenberg** <alisaeilenberg@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 9:47 AM
Subject: Vote NO on ceasefire and NO on related resolutions: Keep our city safe!
To: CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>

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Thank you,
Alisa Eilenberg
Bronx, NY

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From: **Mark Baer** via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
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Sadly, City Council members apparently have no idea how to *stay in their lane!* Run a city, for heaven's sake (something that isn't going all that well, to be honest) and stop the virtue signaling - *especially* because you have no idea of the real history and real struggles of the people of Israel, people who, btw, include Muslims, Christian, Buddhists as well as Jews - something *absolutely absent from any other country in the Middle East.*

That is, if you actually care, at all about the truth. Track records across this country on this count are not encouraging.

Moreover, 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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Subject: Fwd: OPPOSE Planning's Proposed Amendments to the HSO

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From: **Maina Cioni** <mainacioni11@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 6:46 AM
Subject: OPPOSE Planning's Proposed Amendments to the HSO
To: <contactCD4@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <councilmember.padilla@lacity.org>, <councilmember.kevindoleon@lacity.org>, <councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <info@homeshareallianceLosangeles.org>

Dear Councilmembers Raman, Blumenfield, Padilla, de León, and Rodriguez:

We ask that you:

OPPOSE Planning's proposed amendment to the HSO to prohibit Home-Sharing in ADUs.

OPPOSE Planning's proposed amendment to the HSO to disallow the Extended Home-Sharing permit.

AGREE that the Registration process is in dire need of streamlining.

We'd like to remind Ms. Raman that an email sent Feb 26, 2024 from her Planning Deputy Mashael Majid to HALA hosts on her behalf said "Our goal at this time is to improve enforcement of our existing laws, not to further narrow where home-sharing is currently allowed."

I personally rely on year-round STR income for housing affordability. If I did not have this income, I would lose my housing.

Sincerely,
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Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 7:17 PM
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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,
Lauren Mescon

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

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A careful read of the ceasefire resolutions and other resolutions that unjustly vilify Israel will reveal the writers' intentional and glaring omission – a description of the horrors that Hamas has unleashed against both the Palestinians and Israelis.

These documents' disingenuous implication that the suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza is because of Israel are false as are the claims of genocide by Israel against the Palestinian people. It is HAMAS that perpetuates genocide on the Israelis and it is HAMAS that perpetuates egregious Palestinian casualties. It is blatantly false to claim that the only remedies are an Israeli ceasefire and withholding financial ties to Israel. This serves to keep Hamas in power.

HAMAS IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

What the resolution's authors obfuscate is that Hamas is designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S.A. and 27 other countries (1).

Hamas' charter is explicit – their war is not just about land (2). Rather, it is about wiping out democracy, Jewish people, Christians, and all 'infidels.' As Senior Hamas Mahmoud Al-Zahar states in this video (12-12-22), which we encourage you to watch:

"The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no treachery, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity" (3).

Hamas' violence, however, is not saved just for the 'infidel.' Hamas turns this violence steadily against its own people, the Palestinians.

Below is a description of Palestinian daily life under Hamas' rule, which is vital information for you to make an informed decision.

HAMAS ROBBED GAZA FROM THE PALESTINIANS

Since 2005, Israel has been out of Gaza (4), which could have become a renowned seaside resort – with jobs and a vibrant economy. Sadly, Hamas stole billions of dollars of UNRWA aid from the Palestinians. Instead of using this money towards infrastructure, Hamas and UNRWA used it to create 450 miles of terror tunnels to commit the worst genocide of Jewish people since the Holocaust on October 7 (5).

HAMAS' VIOLENT COUP OF GAZA

In January 2006, Hamas won the majority of the seats in the Palestinian government. In June 2007, Hamas took over Gaza in a bloody coup, by throwing Fatah fighters off roofs of buildings (6, 7) and marching Fatah soldiers half naked and blindfolded in the street - executing them point blank (8,9).

HAMAS WEAPONIZES PALESTINIAN YOUTH

The UNRWA-Hamas partnership has poisoned over 545,000 Palestinian children through its P.A. curriculum that teaches hatred of Jewish People and Israel, and promotes violence, jihad, 'martyrdom culture,' and omits teaching about peace and co-existence. 80 UNRWA teachers and staff across more than 30 schools teach hateful content in their textbooks (10), and numerous Hamas terrorists have graduated from these schools (11, 12).

Since these children are instructed to be murder weapons for a terrorist group, Hamas and UNRWA are directly responsible for all the murders they commit, and for their untimely deaths as terrorists, suicide bombers, and as shields for Hamas (13, 14).

HAMAS' EXTREME VIOLENCE AGAINST DISSENTERS

Palestinian children and adults are exposed to daily violence by Hamas. It is common for a Palestinian child to walk to school and see a severed head roll by, Gazans hanging dead from electrical wires, Gazans being dragged across town by their feet, or a woman's head being chopped off with an ax while she is doing laundry. What are these people's 'crimes?' They are Gazans who want to live and work peacefully with the Israelis (15, 16).

Sheikh Mohammed Mushtaha, a Gazan mosque preacher, refused to praise Hamas in his sermon to a group of thousands. On 12/30/23 Hamas fighters violently stormed his house and kidnapped him (17).

HAMAS VIOLENCE: MUSIC, LGBTQIA+, AND CHRISTIANS

Hamas murders people for playing music at weddings (18), tortures and murders people who are LGBTQIA+ (19), and mistreats Christians by attacking their churches, threatening their leaders, and kidnapping Christian youth (20, 21).

HAMAS PURPOSELY INCREASES PALESTINIAN DEATHS

Hamas leaders have admitted that not only do they strategically use Palestinian civilians as shields, but they also know

that Israel does NOT want to harm Palestinian civilians (22).

Hamas intentionally blocks safe passage corridors created by Israel, threatens to murder civilians who wish to evacuate (23), and hides munitions in hospitals, schools, homes, and mosques to INCREASE civilian casualties in order to impede Israeli military operations, demoralize Israel, and delegitimize Israel in the eyes of the world (24, 25). Hamas also loots aid trucks and murders Palestinians trying to get to the aid (26, 27, 28).

Loss of human life is tragic and according to logic and international law, these deaths, and the deaths of the terrorists themselves, fall squarely on the shoulders of Hamas (29).

ISRAEL PROTECTS PALESTINIAN CIVILIAN LIVES

Moreover, numerous war experts (30-32), including John Spencer, Chief of Urban Warfare Studies at WestPoint, laud the Israel Defense Force (IDF) for being the most moral army in the world. He said, "Israel has implemented more measures to avoid civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war" (33). From the IDF's use of precision weapons to avoid collateral damage, to (leaflets) (34), texts, and calls to Gazan civilians ahead of airstrikes, to evacuating urban areas before attacking Hamas outposts, "No military in the world has ever done this" (35).

In fact on May 15, 2024, over 80 U.S. military generals, with expertise in the Middle East, have attested to the FACT that Israel follows international rules of war while Hamas ABUSES these rules to endanger civilian life (36).

Unprecedented in the entire world, Israel endangers its own soldiers to protect civilians (37).

FOOD AND AID

The world must speak out about what Hamas is doing to starve the Palestinian population. Despite the fact that the onus of this starvation falls squarely on Hamas, Israel sends in food and aid trucks because they care about civilian lives! Hamas loots these trucks and murders Palestinians trying to get to the aid (38 – 41).

HAMAS LIES

Hamas uses lies and disinformation as a strategic P.R. weapon. Hamas lied in 2002, 2009, 2012, and 2014 regarding numbers of civilian casualties (42, 43). In fact, months after the 2009 war, the Hamas leader, Fathi Hamad, admitted that Hamas lied about the number of civilian casualties and that Israel's numbers were correct (44).

In this conflict, when a Palestinian rocket exploded the Al-Ahli hospital, Hamas quickly blamed the Israelis and the media perpetuated these lies. After an investigation and video footage, the truth was discovered (45).

Recent statistical analysis of the Hamas Ministry of Health numbers of casualties uncover that they are statistically impossible. See the analysis here (46, 47).

Armies that fight a defensive war against terrorists in urban warfare have a civilian to terrorist casualty ratio of 4 to 60:1; meaning 4 to 60 civilians are accidentally killed for every terrorist that is eliminated. Israel's ratio is 1:1, meaning they have reduced civilian casualties four to sixtyfold by comparison (48). According to international law (Article 51) and ethics, all of these civilian casualties fall on Hamas' shoulders.

HAMAS VIOLENCE AGAINST ISRAEL

Despite the fact that Israel has offered peace agreements with the Palestinians on at least five occasions (49), Hamas has fired over 30,000 rockets at Israeli civilians since 2001 (50, 51).

On October 7 Hamas, UNRWA employees, and Palestinians high on illegal narcotics (52) brutally raped, burned, beheaded, maimed, and murdered 1,200 Israeli civilians, and took more than 240 hostages, including Americans, and Foreign Nationals in an act of pure genocide (53). Hamas is still holding these innocent hostages (54).

IN SUMMARY:

The resolutions being proposed are rationalized by FALSE accusations against Israel. This letter shows that there is NO genocide by Israel against the Palestinians.

Moreover, these resolutions are created by Hamas-funded terrorist network support groups and lobbyists (e.g., CAIR, AMP, SJP, etc.) and are meant to hide what Hamas does to keep them in power (55-57). Please, do not fall for it.

Leaving Hamas in power perpetuates brutality against the Palestinians and heinous terrorist attacks on Israel. When you say 'cease fire now,' you might think you are protecting innocent people. What you are doing, however, is allowing Hamas'

brutal leaders to retrench and re-strengthen. In essence, you are hurting the people you say you are concerned about.

How can you help Palestinians and Israelis?

Firstly, do NOT call for an Israeli ceasefire or a financial and military aid boycott of Israel. Rather, call for Hamas' unconditional surrender and return of all the hostages. Only that will stop the terror attacks against Israel and Hamas' brutality against the Gazan civilians themselves.

Secondly, please uphold the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which the participants in the illegal encampments flagrantly violated. They harassed, incited violence, physically assaulted, vandalized, damaged property, blocked entrances, and prevented free movement on campus for Jewish students and their allies. Not only were these illegal behaviors discriminatory, but they also were textbook examples of UNPROTECTED speech since they created a hostile environment for Jewish students and their allies that would not be tolerable for any other group. These behaviors are, therefore, indefensible by the First Amendment, and we ask the City Council to prosecute those who violated these laws to the fullest extent of the law (<https://www.thefp.com/p/where-free-speech-ends-and-lawbreaking-begins>).

Sincerely,
Lauren Mescon

"...What does truth require? It requires us to face the facts as they are, not to involve ourselves in self-deception [and] slogans." ~ President John F. Kennedy

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Dear City Council Members,

We are your constituents, Americans across this great nation, and worldwide citizens, including Palestinian and Israeli peace activists, who are asking you to vote NO on the ceasefire resolution, NO to BDS, NO to divesting from Israel bonds, NO to withholding military aid to Israel, NO to an arms embargo of Israel, and NO to dropping charges against

those arrested in the illegal encampments.

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].

Israel pulled out of Gaza in 2005 as a gesture towards peace [9]. True to form, Hamas took over Gaza (2007) and responded with kidnappings and 30,000 rocket attacks against Israel for the last few decades [10-12]. On October 7, 2023, Hamas attacked Israel on land that was within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN Partition Plan – UN Resolution 181 (in 1947). There was a ceasefire in place prior to October 7th and Hamas, as usual, broke it. Hamas uses ceasefires for two reasons: to re-supply and to catch Israel off guard – as it did on October 7th. Any ceasefires Hamas has negotiated with Israel over the years have ALWAYS been broken by... Hamas. Who are we kidding here? Hamas leaders have stated very clearly that when possible, they will commit October 7th over and over again [13]. The Hamas Charter states, "Israel will exist until Islam obliterates it," and "The stones and trees will say, 'O Muslim, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him'" [14]. Do you honestly believe Israel is dealing with a legitimate peace partner?

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.

Please vote NO on this ceasefire resolution, NO to BDS, NO to divesting from Israel bonds, NO to withholding military aid to Israel, NO arms embargo of Israel, and NO to dropping charges against those arrested in the illegal encampments. Please bring a rational approach to a situation that has run amok.

Thank you,
Eva Plat

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