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

Tue, Dec 10, 2024 at 3:23 PM

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From: Office of the City Clerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>  
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
Cc:  
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Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2024 07:21:31 -0800  
Subject: Fwd: Vote NO on ceasefire and NO on related resolutions: Keep our city safe!

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From: **'Isidore Kratka' via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>  
Date: Thu, Dec 5, 2024 at 4:26 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].

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.

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Thank you,  
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Date: Thu, Dec 5, 2024 at 4:45 AM

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