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From: **Rebecca Feder** <rcf301@nyu.edu>
Date: Fri, Dec 13, 2024 at 8:53 AM
Subject: Vote NO on a ceasefire or other resolutions – which attempt to keep Hamas in power
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Christians United for Israel
Press
State House and Senate Representatives
U.S. Representative
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Honorable City Council Members,

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We owe our military families the greatest respect for their service, and we ask you for your moral clarity by taking a stand against terrorism and for democracy.

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We have watched in horror as protestors have overtaken city councils, commissions, and American university campuses with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities.

THE TRUTH ABOUT “PRO-PALESTINIAN” PROTESTERS

The protesters claim to be an anti-war movement to stop the “genocide, apartheid, and occupation” [1] of the Palestinian people, but nothing can be further from the truth.

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and other groups (AMP, CAIR, JVP, WOL, etc.) are funded by the Hamas terrorist organization [2-7]. As a propaganda arm of Hamas, their sole purpose is to radicalize and misinform city councils and campuses and create a massive disinformation campaign to delegitimize Israel and promote the annihilation of the Jewish State.

Their chant, “From the River to the Sea,” clearly states their intention [8]. If you listen carefully, however, their violent intentions do not stop with Israel. They promote antisemitism the world over with the ultimate goal of overturning democratic values as they chant “Death to America” [9-10]. Their philosophy is anchored in the Hamas Charter, which states in its introduction, “Israel will exist until Islam will obliterate it” and “Our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious” [11]; and the radical Islamist Duat entitled “How Islam will dominate the world” [12].

Pure logic and history upends the protesters’ statements.

Only days after the heinous October 7 attacks on Israel, these protesters started their false accusations of “genocide” [13]. Here is the truth:

FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID

Hamas’ accusations of apartheid are false. Apartheid is defined as a system of legalized racial discrimination and segregation that deprives a racial group of their political and civil rights. In South Africa, for example, the white minority segregated Black Africans in housing, transportation, education, and stripped them of citizenship, and positions in government.

In Israel, all citizens whether Jewish, Arab, Armenian, Baha’i, Christian, Druze, Muslim, etc. have equal rights. They can live, work, and travel wherever they want and they are provided the same government services (e.g., health insurance, free public school, subsidized university education) equally. They attend the same universities and have the same voting power and opportunities. In fact, they hold positions in all industries (e.g., law, medicine, politics) – including positions as judges and members of the Knesset. Israel is a multi-racial society where the Arab citizens have full rights. Inciting racism or discrimination in Israel is a criminal offense [14].

FALSE CLAIMS OF COLONIALISM AND OCCUPATION

Predating Islam, the Jewish people arrived and established the independent Land of Israel in the second millennium B.C.E. and lived there for more than 1,600 years. In succession, the Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans conquered the land. Despite the efforts of Roman crusaders and some Muslims to make the country empty of Jews, thousands of Jews have lived for centuries in each of the holy cities of Jerusalem, Safad, Tiberius, and Hebron; and in Gaza, Rafah, Ashkelon, Caesarea, Jaffa, Acre, and Jericho. [15]. Moreover, archaeological evidence proves Jewish indigenously, with cities populated by a Jewish majority prior to the establishment of the modern state of Israel [16].

It is absurd to claim that the Jews who returned to Israel starting in the last decades of the 19th century were colonialists and imperialists. For whom were these idealists working? They were not planting the flag of the antisemitic regimes of Russia, Poland, and Lithuania; and they were kicked out of Yemen, Iraq, Turkey, and North Africa. In fact, these Jewish refugees had to overcome Turkish, British, and Pan-Arab imperialism to achieve self-determination. They were fleeing pogroms and persecution, and wanted nothing to do with the countries from which they fled. They did not come to the land with weapons to conquer, but with rakes and hoes to cultivate often swamp-infested land they purchased from absentee landlords. Years later, after the Holocaust, the state of Israel was defined and established by international law (1948). The Israelis were ecstatic to live peacefully among their neighbors within the meager boundaries they were allotted in 1948, when five Arab countries attacked Israel in the War of Independence. This war was one of many that

Muslim extremists committed against the Jewish state to deny Israel's right to exist [17].

In 1967 Egypt, Syria, and Jordan started a war with Israel. Hafiz al-Assad ordered his Syrian soldiers to "strike the enemy's [civilian] settlements, turn them into dust, pave the Arab roads with the skulls of the Jews, and strike them without mercy" [18]. Miraculously, Israel won the war and gained territory in the Sinai, Golan Heights, West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. In 1982, Israel gave the Sinai to Egypt, which has created peace between the countries [19].

With similar hope, Israel left Gaza in 2005 as one of many gestures of peace with its Arab neighbors that have been met with violence [20]. This is worth repeating. Since 2005, Israel has NOT occupied Gaza. In response, Hamas overtook Gaza, slaughtered Palestinian leaders, created 450 miles of terror tunnels, launched over 30,000 rockets at Israel, and on October 7 perpetrated the most heinous attacks on the Jewish people since the Holocaust including the kidnapping of Israelis, Americans, and Foreign Nationals still missing today [21-22].

FALSE CLAIMS THAT ISRAEL COMMITS GENOCIDE: HAMAS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF PALESTINIANS

Both Hamas and the protesters' accusations of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are blatantly false. Numerous military leaders, including John Spencer (Former Chair of Urban Warfare Studies, WestPoint), testify that "Israel has implemented more measures to avoid civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war" including its use of precision weapons and the sending of leaflets, texts, and calls to Gazans ahead of airstrikes to provide time for them to evacuate targeted areas [23-25]. Sadly, terrorists boast of hiding among their own civilians to increase casualties [26].

Armies that fight defensive wars against terrorists in urban warfare generally have a civilian to casualty ratio of 4 to 60: 1; meaning 4 to 60 civilians are accidentally killed for every terrorist eliminated. This was true for U.S. and coalition troops in Mosul (2016-2017) [27]. However, Israel's ratio is 1:1, meaning they have reduced civilian casualties more than four to sixtyfold by comparison [28]. While the loss of innocent life is tragic, according to International Law (Article 51) these deaths fall squarely on Hamas [29].

Hamas leaders have admitted that they lie about numbers of civilian casualties [30], and statistical analysis proves that the Ministry of Health numbers are misleading [31].

Moreover, Palestinian civilians attest to the fact that Hamas steals food from aid trucks and murders Palestinians trying to reach the aid [32-35].

HAMAS' GLOBAL SUBTERFUGE VIA CITY COUNCIL PROTESTS

Hamas covers its atrocities against the Palestinian people (e.g., blocking safe passage corridors, hiding and firing weapons among civilians) [36-38] by sponsoring and supporting city council and worldwide protests on the Palestinians' behalf with the sole intent of delegitimizing Israel [39-41].

Donning the cloak of victimhood and resistance, Hamas's behavior is barbaric – igniting hatred and discrimination against Israel, worldwide Jewry, and democracy itself.

ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENTS: INDEFENSIBLE BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Hamas supporters attempt to paint the illegal encampments as free speech. Nothing can be further from the truth. Participants in the illegal encampments violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by harassing, inciting violence, physically assaulting, vandalizing, destroying property, blocking entrances, and preventing 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 conduct since they created a hostile environment for Jewish students and their allies that would not be tolerated for any other group. Their behaviors, therefore, are 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>).

SUMMARY

This document proves that the claims aimed at Israel of apartheid, genocide, colonialism, and occupation - are patently FALSE.

After the barbaric attack on October 7th, Hamas is still holding hostages, firing thousands of rockets from and into civilian areas, and rebuilding its terror structure.

Allowing protesters like SJP, and groups like it (e.g., AMP, CAIR, JVP, WOL, etc.), to hijack local city councils only rewards and emboldens Hamas, endangers Israel and worldwide democracies, and prevents the Gazans from taking responsibility to unlearn hate and choose healthy governance so that they become viable peace partners.

The world is at an uncomfortable brink: Barbarism vs. Democracy. Rewarding barbarity and those that support it is a losing proposition.

Bold leadership, not capitulation, is the only strategy to keep communities safe.

We ask you to vote NO on this ceasefire resolution, or any other title they give this 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 – which are strategies designed by Hamas supporters to keep Hamas in power and continue to inflict carnage on the Palestinians and Israelis.

Please protect our community, democracy, and national security from misinformation and terrorist propaganda.

Sincerely,

“This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.”
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For full letter and references:
<https://tinyurl.com/NoCF5-letterWithReferences>

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