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Subject: Fwd: Please vote NO ceasefire and related resolution that cover up for Hamas atrocities against Palestinians and Israelis

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From: **'Mark Baer' via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>

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Subject: Please vote NO ceasefire and related resolution that cover up for Hamas atrocities against Palestinians and Israelis

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Christians United for Israel

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State House and Senate Representatives

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Honorable 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.

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 protestors 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 Duaat 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 indigenosity, 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.”
- Justice Thurgood Marshall

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For full letter and references:
<https://tinyurl.com/NoCF5-letterWithReferences>

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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,

Lisa Cardonick

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

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