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I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the Israel Divestment petition and movement. I view it as a hateful initiative that will divide our Somerville in ways that will cause lasting harm to our sense of community.

In addition it is politically stupid in the age of Trump. It is one thing to be in the federal governments cross hairs for being a sanctuary city. There is broad agreement that we should welcome immigrants.

Why would you want to load the Federal government's gun by painting our city as antisemitic? It does not matter if that is not what is in many people's hearts when they promote or vote on this. It is how it will be used by the new government. "Nice government funding you have there. It would be a shame if anything were to happen to it."

We should pick our fights, presumably on social justice issues that have strong agreement in our city.

Sincerely,

Brad Bortner