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**From:** Ruth Stern [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2024 8:32 AM  
**To:** All City Council; Katjana Ballantyne; Public Comments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on a ceasefire or other resolutions – which attempt to keep Hamas in power

cc:  
Christians United for Israel  
Press  
State House and Senate Representatives  
U.S. Representative  
U.S. Senators

Honorable City Council Members,

We are your constituents, Americans across this great nation, and worldwide citizens who are asking you to reject the proposed ceasefire resolution, vote 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 none other than resolutions to keep Hamas terrorists in power.

We have watched in horror as pro-terror activists have tried to hijack American city councils, campus life, and more with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities.

While hiding behind the slogan of human rights, they are actually a P.R. arm of Hamas aimed at covering up Hamas atrocities against Palestinians and Israelis [1-3].

Sadly, these pro-terror activists show their true colors by burning American flags, holding signs that said, “Globalize the Intifada,” waving Hamas terrorist flags, and wearing Hezbollah terrorist headbands [4].

We know that the pro-terrorist groups tend to be vocal and put undue pressure on city councils. To help you with your decision, we would like to share with you an open letter written on May 10, 2024 by 80 retired U.S. military leaders, who served our country with distinction in the Middle East [5].

These generals collaborated on a public message to teach the American people and the world essential facts that have been buried in hate, propaganda, and noise.

The letter states:

- 1) Israel has a right to defend itself against Iranian backed terrorists on all sides.
- 2) Israel is a staunch ally that protects U.S. soldiers and civilians – and deserves our support.
- 3) The U.S. President and a bipartisan Congress must collaborate to ensure that Israel always has essential weapons.

- 4) The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) follow international rules of war while Israel's enemies ABUSE these rules and purposely endanger civilians to falsely paint Israel as the aggressor.
- 5) Israel is fighting for civilization against barbaric enemies [6].

Many of our military families across this great nation have loved ones who have fought against terrorists such as these, and many of us have loved ones who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our democratic way of life.

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.

Sincerely,

Ruth Stern

#### References:

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- 3 ISGAP, "New comprehensive research reveals Hamas-linked funding to Students for Justice in Palestine and groups growing web of influence post October 7th."
- 4 Michael Starr, "US flag burns as Hamas flags fly high over New York City's Times Square," Jerusalem Post, 1 August 2024.
- 5 <https://jinsa.org/original-open-letter-from-retired-us-military-leaders-in-support-of-israel-2/>
- 6 Ibid.