#### **Madalyn Letellier**

From:

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 4:45 PM

To: All City Council; Katjana Ballantyne; Public Comments

**Subject:** Vote NO on ceasefire and NO on related resolutions: Keep our city safe!

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cc:

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

#### Dear City Council Members,

As your constituents and concerned Americans across the nation we urge your City Council to vote NO on any ceasefire resolution, NO to BDS, NO to divesting from Israel bonds, NO to withholding military aid to Israel, and NO to dropping charges against those arrested in the illegal encampments.

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.

Please vote NO on this ceasefire resolution, NO to BDS, NO to divesting from Israel bonds, NO to withholding military aid to Israel, and NO to dropping charges against those arrested in the illegal encampments. Please bring a rational approach to a situation that has run amok.

Thank you,

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## **Madalyn Letellier**

From: Rivi Har-El

Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 8:48 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

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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, References: 1 "What to know about the pro-Hamas antisemitic group within our lifetime," ADL, 1 July 2024. 2 "CAIR is Hamas: How the federal government proved that CAIR is a front for terrorism," Center for Security and Policy, 2016. 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/originalopen-letter-from-retired-us-military-leaders-in-support-of-israel-2/6 lbid.

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## **Madalyn Letellier**

From: Sara Eisig

**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2025 10:07 AM

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